



James A. "Jim" Ruge

December 26, 1964 - September 25, 2021

NORFOLK – Funeral service for James “Jim” Albert Ruge, 56, of Norfolk, will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 30, 2021 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Rev. Tim DeFor will be officiating the service. Private family burial will take place at a later date at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be held 5:00-7:00 p.m., Wednesday, also at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel. Jim passed away on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Jim was born on December 26, 1964 in Norfolk to Melvin and Marie (Faust) Ruge. He attended school in Norfolk and graduated from Norfolk High School in 1983. Jim went to work for his dad and brothers after graduation at the meat packing plant. Later, he worked at the Norfolk Regional Center and Faith Regional in Behavioral Health. He was also a truck driver for many years and worked for Orr Trucking up until he retired due to illness 2 years ago.

Jim married Carol Vyhlidal and to that union were born Joshua and Andrea. They later divorced.

Jim and Kelly Erb were married on October 8, 2016 and through that union Jim gained 4 more children of the heart: Adam, Jordan, Steven, and Jaden. Jim had the biggest heart of anyone there ever was. He never knew a stranger and could connect with absolutely anyone he met. He had the friendliest soul and was always equipped with plenty of jokes to tell and

laughs to spread. He was passionate about his love for his family and was the epitome of what it meant to be a Dad and Grandpa. He was the most loyal and caring husband. He was an eclectic connoisseur of spirits. He enjoyed cooking and grilling for all of his family and friends. There aren't adequate words to describe the insurmountable loss of this man. He will be remembered fondly by so many, and that legacy and memories will live on. Jim is survived by his wife Kelly Ruge of Norfolk, daughter Andrea (Eddie) Ruge, son Joshua (Laura) Ruge of Elgin, Adam Lange of Vermillion, Jordan (Kevin) Meyer of Colorado Springs, Steven (Emilie) Deal of Vermillion, Jaden (Andrew) Wineinger of Omaha, numerous grandchildren that he loved more than anything, siblings Ron (Barbara) Ruge of Florida, Tim (Jean) Ruge of Plainview, Shirley (Bob) Schiffbauer of Lincoln, dear mother-in-law Roz Erb (fiancé Gary Becker) of Norfolk, and sister-in-law Caroline Ruge-Lydic of Norfolk, numerous nieces and nephews, and his beloved dogs Archer and Lucy. He was preceded in death by his parents Melvin and Marie, and his dearest brother Sam.

Guitarist will be Dennis Lewchuck. Casket bearers will be Chris Mancini, Courtney Eierman, Todd Grashorn, Kevin Erickson, Mike McGinty, and Vince Wiegand

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
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Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James A. "Jim" Ruge*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Ruge.*



September 30, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ *Oh, little bird, our hearts ache to know yours do. Our thoughts and prayers surround you and your family with much love. Linda Johnson xoxo*



Linda H Johnson - September 30, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy family and friends of Jim gone way too soon
Hugs and prayers in your grief
Robin H*



Robin Haase - September 30, 2021 at 02:28 PM

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“ *My thoughts are with you during your time of loss.*

Dr Brian Ward - September 30, 2021 at 07:54 AM

DD

“ *Kelly & Family - I was sorry to read of Jim's passing. I know he fought a long, hard battle. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Don Dammast - September 29, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Ruge.*



September 29, 2021 at 12:21 PM

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“ *I will always remember what a kind person Jim was. Having worked with him for years, I never recall him getting upset over anything other than an injustice of sorts. He was always happy, pleasant and had a smile on his face. He was a great co-worker, team player and all around great guy. He did some work at my house years ago helping gut a bathroom...saw the same positive person in that setting. So sorry Kelly and family for your great loss! He was obviously a joy to many in his life...the way more people should be. May God give you the strength and tenacity to work through your grief, Kelly. Prayers will be said on you and your families behalf!*

Brenda Schroeder - September 28, 2021 at 01:23 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences to the entire extended family!*



Brian J. Schlote - September 28, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Ruge.*



September 28, 2021 at 10:34 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Ruge.*



September 27, 2021 at 06:50 PM

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“ *Love ya bro Ron and Barbara Ruge purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of James A. "Jim" Ruge.*



Love ya bro Ron and Barbara Ruge - September 27, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Ruge.*



September 27, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Ruge.*



September 27, 2021 at 11:09 AM