



James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65

October 4, 1959 - May 30, 2025

Sutton resident James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65, passed away Friday, May 30, 2025.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 9, 2025, at the Stockham Community Church in Stockham, NE, with Pastor Rick Bartek officiating. The family will have a book signing and open house from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Stockham Community Church. In honoring his wish to be cremated, there will be no viewing.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

Jim was born October 4, 1959, to James R. Brown and Patricia (Rickel) Brown in Youngstown, OH. He graduated from New Wilmington and Lawrence County Vo Tech. He was united in marriage to Joyce S. Nuss on October 18, 1980, in Aurora, NE. He was employed as an over-the-road truck driver in various capacities, hauling everything from produce to brand new trucks, driving over 5 million miles over the course of his career. He also served as the shop steward for the IAM union.

Jim was a member of the Stockham Community Church, Stockham Booster Club, Fox Hollow Golf Course and the IAM union. Jim worked hard and played hard; he always enjoyed golf, especially getting to play more in retirement. He

hunted with his family and friends every fall. He was a lifelong motorcycle enthusiast. He played any and all card games and was happy to teach you, if you brought your wallet. He was always discovering new music and loved cooking for a crowd. And of course, he relished time spent with his grandkids.

The common thread amongst Jim's hobbies is that they were all made better when enjoyed with friends.

A recent bucket list item Jim enjoyed was a bear hunt in Saskatchewan, Canada with his sons. Jim and Joyce were planning a trip to Alaska in 2026 so Jim could mark off all 50 states visited and driven in.

He is survived by his wife Joyce of 44 years, daughter Danielle (Jerry) Cox, son James R Brown III/Trey (Emily) Brown, grandkids Cora Cox, Leah Cox and James Remington Brown. He is also survived by sisters Samantha (Bryan) Lundblad and Kelly Trice, and brother Jeff (Beverly Kocher) Brown, numerous sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother, father-in-law Martin Nuss, sister-in-law Darlene Brown, brother-in-law Kevin Ross and nephew Mike Shaffer.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Stockham Community Church
401 Scott Street
Stockham, NE 68818

Tribute Wall

AR

“ We were going to his parents house one day when he took the exit off 422 an looked over at me an said,"Let me see if I can beat my record". I questioned. He said "taking this exit at 90 mph." With the snicker on his face, I ducked down on the floor. You just never knew with him. Haha. He did beat his record! I will miss his laugh, his friendship, an jokes!! Love. Your friend always. Angie

Angela Robison - July 14, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ Savory Farmhouse Gift Box was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65.



June 18, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65.

June 18, 2025 at 01:35 PM



“ 22 files added to the album Flowers



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - June 09, 2025 at 01:29 PM



“ Wrapping you in love at a time when words fall short. ~Nancy Bachmann

Nancy Bachmann - June 06, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ Kathleen & Scott Gray, and family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65.



Kathleen & Scott Gray, and family - June 06, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ Kathleen & Scott Gray, and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65.

Kathleen & Scott Gray, and family - June 06, 2025 at 03:02 PM

DP

“ Derrick & Sharon Rickel, Nadene Plotner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65.



Derrick & Sharon Rickel, Nadene Plotner - June 04, 2025 at 03:27 PM

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Derrick & Sharon Rickel, Nadene Plotner - June 04, 2025 at 03:27 PM

TS

“ Tony Lynn Smith lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65



Tony Lynn Smith - June 04, 2025 at 11:18 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65.



June 03, 2025 at 06:56 PM

LS

“ Lisa Stripe lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65



Lisa Stripe - June 03, 2025 at 04:23 PM

BA

“ Bart lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65



Bart - June 02, 2025 at 09:17 PM

LF

“ Luke Stevens and the JASA Transit Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65.



Luke Stevens and the JASA Transit Family - June 02, 2025 at 03:48 PM

GL

“ Giltner poker league purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jim" Ralph Brown, Jr., 65.



Giltner poker league - June 02, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ Jim was one of my mother very best friends. We lived in Sutton when I was very young and after leaving and moving to Ogallala we still frequently visited Sutton. We of course never visited without stopping to see Jim and Joyce. I remember the music and the food. One of the last artist I remember Jim introducing my mother to was Kenny Wayne Shepard. They shared a love of all music. Even after my mother's passing many years ago Jim never forgot to wish me a happy birthday and never passed up a chance to remind me how proud my parents would of been of me. I will deeply miss those messages. My deepest sympathies go out to his family and all who knew and loved him.

Nicole Walburn

Nicole Walburn - June 02, 2025 at 01:38 PM

RB

James and I had some interesting times delivering new trucks. He recruited me to JASA Transit and showed the ropes with tankers. What a character! Always enjoyed shooting the breeze with him. He was my friend, I will miss him. See you on the other side buddy. Robert

robert bramhall - June 03, 2025 at 12:13 PM

TB

Thank you guys for the kind words and memories

Trey Brown - June 10, 2025 at 03:09 PM