



## James (Jim) Kiolbasa

June 8, 1950 - August 22, 2015

Clay Center resident, James E. (Jim) Kiolbasa, 65, passed away due to health problems on Saturday, August 22, 2015, at Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings, NE.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at the United Church of Christ in Clay Center, NE with Rev. Harry Cross officiating. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery with military honors by the American Legion Mills-Schroder Post #87, Clay Center, NE. Visitation will be Tuesday from 1 - 8 p.m., with the family present from 5 - 7 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

James E. (Jim) Kiolbasa was born to Emil and Sally (Sabata) Kiolbasa on June 8, 1950 in North Platte, NE. Jim grew up in Grant, NE and attended District #50 Country School, graduated from Perkins County High School in 1968.

Jim worked at Emmett's repair, Grant Theater, and on the Family Farm until December 1969 when he joined the US Air Force. Jim served at Lowery Air Force base in Denver Colorado, Davis Mothan Air Force Base in Tuscan Arizona and 7236 Amano Supply Squadron at Hahn Air Force Base in

Germany and was discharged in December 1973.

In 1974, he attended tech school for heavy equipment in Florida then returned to Grant and went to work for Wendell's Irrigation until November 1978 when he moved to the Clay Center area and worked several jobs. In 1981, he was united in Marriage to Carol Lobb of Clay Center and to this union two children were born.

In 1984, Jim started farming with Harvey & Pearl Lobb of Clay Center. In 1997, he went to work for Wal-Mart stores and in 2003, started to work for Clay County Courthouse, he retired in 2010 due to health. He loved to do projects for his family and enjoyed spending time collecting and organizing treasures for his shop. He was a jack of all trades and a loving husband and father. He was a member of the Hastings DAV and American Legion in Clay Center. He also served in the rural fire board and Lone Tree Township.

He is survived by his wife, Carol of Clay Center, NE; son, Michael Kiolbasa and wife Carmen of Lincoln, NE; daughter, Barbie and Husband Jesse Barto of Hastings, NE; mother, Sally Kiolbasa of Grant, NE; sister, Nancy Sapp of Harvard, NE; brother, Bob and wife Brenda of Grant, NE; nieces and great nephews, and a host of friends.

Preceding him in death was his father, Emil; sister, Sandy and his grandparents and in-laws.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Carol and family during this time of great loss! If you ever need anything, please give me a call.*  
*Shirley Horst*

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**Shirley Horst** - August 27, 2015 at 10:18 AM

JB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jim fought a courageous battle and has found peace. Cherish the memories and look forward to the future with the upcoming birth of Barbie's daughter.*  
*RIP Jim.*

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**John "Sonny" and Carole Brocksieck** - August 25, 2015 at 07:22 PM

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“ *We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Please remember we are here if you need anything. R.I.P Jim.*

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**Connie and Tim Abell** - August 25, 2015 at 07:05 PM

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“ *Sometimes it takes a lifetime to create the kind of friendship Jim and I had.*  
*Not for us! It was like we had known each other for years. Jim was like the Brother I never had. Jim shared his memories with me, and most of all, He made me feel like part of the family. Jim will be sorely missed! Gods speed my friend. Love Ya Brother!*

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**Floyd M. Stidhem and Linda Terry** - August 25, 2015 at 10:27 AM

DB

“ *Our hearts go out to you in this time of sorrow. We can only hope that your fond memories will someday help ease the pain of your loss. Prayers for all of Jim's family. May Jim finally Rest In Peace.*

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**Dixie and Marshal Burgmaier** - August 24, 2015 at 06:03 AM