



James Francis Rolfes

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Sutton, NE resident James Francis Rolfes, 65, passed away July 20.

Rosary will be 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sutton, NE and a Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 23, 2015, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sutton, NE with Father William Holoubek officiating. Inurnment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Sutton, NE. No visitation, cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed for the family's later designation.

Jim was born September 14, 1949, to Francis J. and Arlis R. (Serr) Rolfes in Hastings, NE. He received his early education at Sutton Public Schools and graduated from Sutton High School in 1967. He attended Colorado State University and graduated from Kearney State College with a degree in business administration. He was a tavern and steakhouse owner, fisherman, hunter, golfer and avid outdoorsman.

He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and dear friend.

Survivors include his wife, Cheri of Sutton, daughter Kendra, of Lincoln, sister, Barbara Hoagland of Grafton, brother, Richard (Darlene) of Tampa, FL, brother, Tom (Barb) of Lincoln, NE and aunts, uncle, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Francis J. and Arlis R.

(Serr) Rolfes, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Prayers for Jim's family at this difficult time and the days ahead, know he is at peace with our Lord. I'm happy to have called him friend and classmate.

Dee Rollins - July 26, 2015 at 01:10 PM

RB

“ Our love and prayers to the family of Jim, may God give you strength at this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy to you all.

Robert L Brommer - July 23, 2015 at 02:15 PM

HH

“ Sincere condolences to you, Cheri, Kendra and the Rolfes Family. May Jim rest in peace and no more suffering for him.

Hilly and Doris Huber - July 22, 2015 at 09:17 PM

GS

“ My prayers and sympathy goes out to the entire Rolfes's Family. Your family did so much for so many, Sutton was fortunate to have such a wonderful family in their population! It is always so hard to lose someone so close, but this Earthly life is but just a room we pass through on our way to Eternal Life! What a wonderful thought to know that Jim hurts no more. It will take time for the great memories to overcome the grief, but that empty feeling will fill with the good times that you had together, and some of the ornery things perhaps you did and never got caught doing??!! You can fess up now, concentrate on those Super times as that and your Christian Faith will get you through this time of sorrow. Please know that we are thinking of you and your family and are keeping you in our prayers. The Lord will wrap his loving arms around you and carry you when the burden seems to much to bear, just depend on him and you will come out a stronger Christian from this experience. I must tell you Mark, (my husband) lost his brother on Christmas morning due to medicine side effects, so it has been a tough few months for us, but each day gets easier! There will be a great reunion at the Pearly Gates, your parents will be there to welcome him home! What a Day, Glorious Day That Will Be!!

Gaylene Springer Spears - July 22, 2015 at 07:18 PM

RD

“ Cheri,

I and others are saddened by the passing of Jim. Though his battle was difficult these past several years, he handled it with dignity, perseverance and class. Knowing Jim as personally as I did, I'm sure his greater concern was for each of you.

Our relationship developed through a business association but has continued since 1995. Prior to that I watched as his father and mother likewise operated Rolfes Tavern. So this relationship has aged as we have. I think we had a little something special.

I'm grateful for the many times we sat across from each other, talking. Most conversations were not business conversations but rather, personal conversations about each other, our individual struggles, likes & dislikes, family, travels.....just life in general. The things 'friends' talk about.

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I cherish the last time we each took the time to do the same. Having run into each other in Hastings at Menard's, we had a late lunch together at the Barrel Bar. At the time Jim's appetite was not the best but he looked good and felt the same. We talked about but did not dwell on his health. He knew what he was facing and accepted it. Our conversation lasted for some time, one of the few times when he overlooked a few of the many obligations which he may have had. We were the last two patrons following a lunch hour business. That time is etched in my mind permanently.

Mild-mannered, even-tempered, he will be missed by all who knew him. May God watch over him as he walks his last few miles and may his Peace be with each of you during this time of grief and extreme sadness. Bless you each!

Roy DeMars

Roy DeMars - July 22, 2015 at 02:20 PM

TB

“ We always enjoyed stopping by the bar to see Jim and Cheri when we came to visit Sutton and Jim made a point of sitting with us for a laugh or two. He always had a few phrases of his own to brighten the night and usually had at least one deal to make us on his wine....Thanks for all the great memories. Our prayers are with the family.

Terry Lane and Laura Bambino - July 22, 2015 at 11:19 AM

JR

“ Prayers and condolences to the family. Jim, you have fought the good fight, and have gone to your just reward. Rest in peace, my old classmate and friend.

John R. Roemmich - July 22, 2015 at 05:59 AM

SB

“ Dear Cheri and Kendra,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for God's comfort and peace in your grief.
Scott and Susan

Scott and Susan Bice - July 22, 2015 at 04:15 AM

WK

“ JR WILL ALWAYS BE CHERISHED AS ONE OF OUR DEAREST FRIENDS IN SUTTON. DOESN'T TAKE ANY TIME AT ALL FOR US TO RECALL HIS GREAT SMILE AND SINCERE WELCOME BACK WHEN WE RETURNED FOR ALUMNI OR JUST STOPPED IN FOR A BEVERAGE AND DINNER AT GRANDPA JAKES.....BY GOSH THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE BEST SUTTON MEMORIES WITH A DEAR FRIEND WHO WE ALL WILL MISS GREATLY. THANKS BE TO GOD HIS PAIN IS NO MORE. OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES GO TO CHERI, KENDRA AND THE ENTIRE ROLFES FAMILY AND SUTTON A PLACE I STILL CALL MY HOME TOWN....BILL JOHNSON

WILLIAM L. & ALICE M. JOHNSON AND SISTER KATHY - July 21, 2015 at 08:44 PM

DK

“ Cheri and Kendra,
I was saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He definitely fought a long, hard battle! Jim was a great owner/manager of Rolfes and he was a great boss to have as I am not sure he ever got mad? He had a great personality, sense of humour, and most always had a smile on his face! If I remember correctly, I worked for you guys from Aug. 2001 until Dec. 2008 at which time I moved to Utah. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

Debbie (Brown) Kummer - July 21, 2015 at 07:14 PM

CP

“ Cheri, Kendra and family. Prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief. Jim will be missed in many ways by the community, his classmates and others whom he touched with his faith. May God bless you, comfort you and give you peace as you continue your life's journey with him.

Connie Plettner - July 21, 2015 at 07:13 PM

LY

“ Cheri & Kendra & family. Thinking of you at this time of loss. Remembering with you here a life that was so dear. R.I.P. Jim ("What we once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us" - Helen Keller.)

LuDella & Dean Yost - July 21, 2015 at 03:40 PM

GK

“ My thoughts are with you and the family, so sad to hear of your passing. My family's prayers are with you. Rest in Peace, friend.

Gary Kircher - July 21, 2015 at 02:05 PM

LS

“ I know that Jim has found peace after a painful journey. Uncle Jake would have been so proud to know that his grandson had continued his legacy. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Linda Walters Silvey - July 21, 2015 at 11:09 AM

LS

“ Cheri and Kendra and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jim and you all have gone through very difficult times these past few years..... We admired his strength, commitment and pride. He will be missed by the whole community. Rest in Peace Jim. Thank you for being a part of so many lives. God bless. You have a special place in heaven and your family and friends will be greeting you.....

Laurie and Barry Sheridan - July 21, 2015 at 08:32 AM