



## James "Jim" Steever

December 20, 1932 - July 15, 2020

James "Jim" Steever, 87, of Lennox, SD, died Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at Ava's House hospice, Sioux Falls, SD.

James Merlyn Steever was born on December 20, 1932, on the family farm east of Lennox, SD, the son of Henry and Minnie (Naatjes) Steever. He attended Sherman District #51 Rural School and then graduated from Lennox High School in 1950. Jim entered the U.S. Army in 1953, stationed in Germany during the Korean War, until his honorable discharge in 1955. On August 22, 1953 he was united in marriage to Carol Cleveland at Lands Lutheran Church, rural Canton, SD. The couple made their home on the Steever family farm east of Lennox. Carol died on February 5, 2005, ending a marriage union of over 51 years.

Jim was a member of the First English Lutheran Church, Lennox. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting and fishing. He was an accomplished fast pitch softball pitcher, whose efforts got him inducted into the South Dakota Softball Hall of Fame. Jim enjoyed his tractors and his loyal and devoted dog, Banjo. Most of all Jim loved his family.

Besides his parents and wife Carol, Jim was preceded in death by two brothers: Verlyn and Donald.

Grateful for having shared his life are his four children: Joe (Regina) Steever, Lennox, Gregg (Mary) Steever, Gettysburg, Daniel Steever, Lennox and Angela (Keith) Nussbaum, Sioux Falls; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; siblings: Calvin Steever, Santa Rosa, CA and Vonnie (Arlo)

Larson, Mesa, AZ as well as other relatives and friends.

Public funeral services will begin at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 18 at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox. Visitation with the family present, also at the church, will be from noon to 2 p.m.

# Tribute Wall

GR

“ Joe, this brought back a memory of my first state tournament. Watched the Chiefs play Lyle's Conoco for the championship, Your father and Roger Ferrie both pitched for the Chiefs in that game, and Kenny Anderson played third crazy close to the plate. And neither pitcher had to be involved with the defense for that team, assuming someone hit the ball, as their boys took care of it. Great team, they all were where the rest of us wished we could be. You should have great memories. With sympathy, Greg

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**Greg Rislov** - July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Dear Joe, Greg, Danny and Angela,  
I have so many fond memories of Jim and interesting conversations. I recall the year I was a vegetarian and visited Carol and Jim so couldn't eat the wonderful lunch Carol prepared. Not eating meat was a foreign thing on a cattle farm. I remember Jim sharing slides and stories when he served in the Army during the time of Korean War.  
We all are sending you love and hugs and wish we could be there. After COVID we will gather As a family to celebrate Jim.  
Love, LuAnn, On behalf of all of Roald's family.

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**LuAnn Eidsness** - July 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Jim was a wonderful smart intelligent man who had endless stories. He will truly be very missed. God bless to all of you.  
Kindest regards,  
Brian Lind

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**Brain Robert Lind** - July 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Joe, Gregg, Dan and Angela,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Jim. I remember happy  
times with Big Jim and Carol on their farm. They were always so  
welcoming and included us in your family. Love and prayers, Deb

Deb (Christner) Sieverding - July 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jim. He was a  
wonderful dad, father and friend. Just think of  
the ballgame going on right now...and  
probably the party afterwards while we kids  
wait in the car! Thoughts and prayers....



Barb Stormo - July 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ i'm so sorry for your loss.

Randy Thompson - July 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ One of the most admirable men that I have had the pleasure to  
know. As he was wont to say about otherâ€™s achievements,  
â€™brilliantâ€™ , not only in thought and knowledge, but in the glow  
of joy and kindness he shed on all. Heaven is a better place with  
Jim there.

Sam Rogers - July 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was one of my early softball heroes, and will go down as one of softball's greatest pitchers ever. He was always ready with his sly smile as he stepped on the rubber and then blazed one of his drop balls by you. RIP Hayshaker.



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**Cam Lind** - July 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM