



James 'Jim' M. Asche

February 9, 1940 - July 23, 2021

James 'Jim' Michael Asche, age 81, formerly of Kearney, passed away Friday, July 23, 2021 in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with Pastor John Rasmussen officiating. Burial will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 3rd, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Kearney Legion Baseball, Kearney Competitive Girls' Fast Pitch Softball or Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Jim was born on February 9, 1940 in Columbus, NE, to Milton & Ethel Asche. He was raised on a farm north of town.

He graduated from Columbus High School in 1958. He graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. He was a member of the DU fraternity and played freshman baseball. He graduated in 1970 from the University of Illinois with a Master of Science in applied & theoretical engineering.

He married Janet Young on December 11, 1965 in Springfield, IL. They had two children, Michael and Jennifer.

During his engineering career he worked for Allis-Chalmers in Springfield, IL, Behlen Manufacturing in Columbus, NE, and Baldwin Filters in Kearney, NE. At Baldwin, he was employed as the Director of Air Filtration & Laboratory for

20 years.

Jim was an avid Husker fan. He also enjoyed attending UNK and KHS athletic events. He enjoyed coaching his children when they were young and more recently watching his grandchildren play sports. His hobbies were hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his daughter Jennifer (Ruben) Bustamante of Lubbock, Texas; son Michael (Kathy) Asche of Lewisburg, PA; and five grandchildren, Derek Asche, Lauren Asche, Olivia Asche, Collin Bustamante, and Jace Bustamante.

Preceded in death by his parents, sister Kay Nelson, and wife Janet.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran
3315 11th Avenue
Kearney, NE

Tribute Wall

SL

“ I was saddened to just now find Jim's obituary in my occasional search for former colleagues...my office desk was right behind Jim's desk at Fiat-Allis in Springfield. We traveled to Chicago together to attend a one week gear design & mfg school at Illinois Tool Works in Chicago in 1975. Jim was a gem in all respects...a wonderful person and friend...I wish we could turn back time. My respects to the entire family...rest in peace Jim for eternity.

*Respectfully,
Steve Lindbom*

Steve Lindbom - May 31, 2023 at 07:32 PM



“ James 'Jim' M. Asche

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM

NG

“ Dear Mike, Jennifer and families,

Chuck and I were saddened to read of your father's death. Please accept our sympathy at this sad time. We have good memories of you kid's playing together when we were neighbors in Columbus. Our thoughts and prayers are with you both and your families. Take Care!

*With deepest sympathy,
Chuck and Nancy Gonka*

Nancy M Gonka - August 03, 2021 at 08:36 PM

DM

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Jim when he worked at Behlen's Mfg Co. in Columbus, roomed in the same house with him for a year at Univ. of Nebr. and played softball with him in Columbus. we had some great times together and I also have some great memories. My prayers and thoughts are with you
Don Mueller {donmueller@aol.com}

Don Mueller - August 03, 2021 at 03:56 PM

HR

“ I knew Jim as a fellow trombonist at Columbus HS, and my late brother Boyd shared a house with him at the U of N. He was an outstanding student, athlete and musician. But more than anything, he was a very decent, modest and compassionate man. It was an honor to have known him.

Harlan Rosacker - August 01, 2021 at 08:17 AM

JH

“ Mike and Jennifer...Jerry & I are thinking of you and sending our sympathy. We are sorry for your loss first of your mom, Janet, and now your dad, Jim. We enjoyed knowing them and having some times to connect through the years. May God's strength and peace be with you during this difficult time.
Jerry & Jean Hueser

Jerry & Jean Hueser - July 31, 2021 at 10:56 PM

TF

“ The Falk Family purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of James 'Jim' M. Asche.



The Falk Family - July 31, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of James 'Jim' M. Asche.*



July 31, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *I will always remember my cousin Jim for his easy smile and memorable laugh! My Mom Alice Asche loved her MANY nieces and nephews, but she always lit up a little more when Jim and Janet came to visit. Jim will be missed by all who loved him. I send my love and sympathy to Jim and Janet's two children and their grandchildren. Love, Karen Blessen*

Karen Blessen - July 28, 2021 at 04:09 PM