



## James "Jim" E. Shiers

May 21, 1944 - July 5, 2025

James "Jim" E. Shiers, age 81, passed away Saturday, July 5, 2025, in Kearney. Private family graveside services will be held at Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon. A celebration of life will be held from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Wednesday, July 16th at the Holiday Inn. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the March of Dimes, Mosaic of Beatrice, or the charity of your choice. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Jim was born May 21, 1944, in Kearney to Elton and Irene (Peters) Shiers. He grew up in the Gibbon area and graduated from Gibbon High School in 1963. Jim worked as an electrician and farmed in the Gibbon/Kearney area until retirement. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Kearney.

Jim enjoyed socializing with family and friends and was particularly drawn to children. He liked to tease and soon would have buddies. Jim liked to travel and go on snowmobiling excursions.

Jim is survived by his life partner, Kathy Olsufka; sons, John (Misti) and James (Robyn); his mother Irene; grandchildren Sierra, Layne, Vivian, and Fritz; great-granddaughter Sienna; close friends Heath Schake and family;

sisters Barb Jensen of Lincoln, Sandy (Joe) Bishop of Worland WY.; brother Larry (Sallee) of San Tan Valley AZ.; and numerous family members and friends.

## Cemetery Details

### Riverside Cemetery

Gibbon, NE 68840

## Previous Events

### Celebration of Life

JUL **16**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Holiday Inn  
110 2nd Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ Me and my family were very blessed to have had Jim in our lives as a friend and a mentor! He was never short of good advise or good fun. Always willing to work and help out. Heaven will definitely be a more lively place with him there!

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**Matt Riedel** - July 15, 2025 at 09:16 AM



Thanks, Matt.

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**Kathryn Olsufka** - July 20, 2025 at 10:13 PM

JR

“ Dan has always had vivid dreams and there have been hundreds of mornings when he has told me what shenanigans he and Jim had been up to the night before. Dreams mirroring real life. I don't know if they really buried a Cadillac and turned it into a septic tank or if they really lived on bologna and white bread when they lived off the Santa Monica pier, but either could be true. We will miss him. - Janet (and Dan) Rose

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**Janet Rose** - July 10, 2025 at 10:53 AM



Thank you for sharing, Janet. I can hear Jim's chuckle when those guys were reminiscing.

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**Kathryn Olsufka** - July 11, 2025 at 10:59 PM

RR

“ Jim was a fun guy. I spent alot of time with Jim wiring , snowmobiling and just shooting the bull. He was a very special person. I will cherish the time spent and the memories with him. God Bless you Jim.

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**Ronny Roberts** - July 07, 2025 at 05:45 PM



Thanks, Ronny. Jim really enjoyed you guys from Inter-Motion.

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**Kathryn Olsufka** - July 10, 2025 at 07:36 AM

JZ

“ Jim was a very special person. If you needed any help with anything he would be there. I will always cherish the memories of the snowmobiling trips to Snowy Range. We had a lot of fun. He knew those mountains like the back of his had. If you were ever lost in those mountains and Jim was with you he would know the way back to the trailer. He is now a peace and in snowmobile heaven. God Bless.

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**Jim Zecha** - July 07, 2025 at 10:42 AM



Thanks for the memories, Jim. You guys sure did have some fun times together.

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**Kathryn Olsufka** - July 07, 2025 at 11:29 AM

SB

“ Jim was always a dare devil. There wasn't a tree he didn't climb and probably fell out of. He and his brother Larry would sneak off to go ice skating on a pond near our house on the hill. Wow, was mom ever anger.

He was always pretty agreeable when he was told what he could and couldn't do by our parents. However, he still went out and did what he wanted. I'm sure he got paybacks from John and James. We miss him!

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**Sandra Bishop** - July 06, 2025 at 07:18 PM



Thanks, Sandy! We enjoy the memories. What a guy!

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**Kathryn Olsufka** - July 07, 2025 at 07:39 AM

JC

“ Jim gave us many great memories and he was always the life of the party. He will be missed by many, but his suffering is over and he is now free to be Jim again. Our condolences are being sent to his family and many friends.

John & Rogene Clark  
Jim's long-time friends!!

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**John & Rogene Clark** - July 06, 2025 at 06:07 PM



Thank you. We always enjoyed seeing you and laughing about fun memories.

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**Kathryn Olsufka** - July 07, 2025 at 07:38 AM

KN

“ So sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. It was always a bright day when Jim and his boys came into the FSA Office. Our banter and joking was special to share with a Gibbonite Friend. A few years ago, I saw Jim in the Doctor’s waiting room and saw the decline in his health but his orneriness still reflected in his eyes. I’m sure his star will shine bright forever!

*Karen Nielsen*

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**Karen Nielsen** - July 06, 2025 at 02:12 PM



*Thank you, Karen.*

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**Kathryn Olsufka** - July 07, 2025 at 07:34 AM

MH

“ Matt and Kaylee Huffman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" E. Shiers.



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**Matt and Kaylee Huffman** - July 05, 2025 at 05:36 PM

SS

“ Jim has been a special guy for years. I first met him while sledding on a car hood down Gibbon Main Street. Those were the days. I was a freshman in high school and I'm not sure about Jim's class, I just know he was older, but I was of good teasing age, and he sharpened his talent.

Jim was a caring guy and helped many times with electrical stuff when I was a single mom. My oldest son and his youngest are life long friends, so I've known Jim past our teen years. He was a good dad and loved his sons.

My Sympathy to Kathy, John, James and their families, and also his mom Irene. Jim will be missed by all those that have known him. 🙏

Susan Sidwell - July 05, 2025 at 05:19 PM

KA

Thanks for the fun memory, Susan.

Kathy - July 06, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ I was one of his 'buddies' he would tease, as a child. I know in his own way, that was a loving gesture. He will always hold a special place in my heart. He was a dear part of so many memories growing up. He is now free to be at peace.

Lori Reiter - July 05, 2025 at 02:21 PM

KA

Thank you, Lori

Kathy - July 06, 2025 at 05:29 AM

JL

“ Kent and I laughed several times about Jim choosing his desert on our Alaskan Cruise! Each evening we had a full buffet of fancy deserts and Jim would always choose vanilla ice cream so the last night he said he was going to have something different so of course we couldn't wait to see what he would choose? Chocolate ice cream was his pick!!! 🤔😂🤔😂. Thanks for the great memory Jim, a reminder to keep life simple!!! JoAnn Lilly 🤗

JoAnn Lilly - July 05, 2025 at 12:43 PM

KA

*That's such a portrait of Jim! Thank you for remembering and sharing, JoAnn.*

Kathy - July 06, 2025 at 05:31 AM

SS

*Played several years of softball with Jim, he brought the fun to the game. Always full of energy. He will be greatly missed by all Stan/Connie Schake  
Teammates Palm Gardens*

stanley schake - July 06, 2025 at 01:23 PM

KW

*So sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. He was truly a special man that everyone enjoyed being around.*

*Kim & Sue Wright*

Kim D. Wright - July 06, 2025 at 07:44 PM



*Thank you. He sure was a fun guy -- with no filter! And that's what everyone enjoyed.*

Kathryn Olsufka - July 07, 2025 at 07:36 AM