



## James A. Watkins

August 19, 1986 - June 8, 2024

James Alan Watkins, 37, left this life on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at CHI Health Good Samaritan in Kearney.

He was born on August 19, 1986 in Lexington, Nebraska. James would later graduate from high school from Medicine Valley in Curtis in 2004, then attend college at Fort Hayes State before going to the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He would graduate from UNK with a General Studies degree in 2010.

James worked for The Buckle for 12 years as a Senior QA Analyst. He was also an aspiring comedian.

James was a dog lover to the core with his pets, Tilly and Ella, as extended members of his family.

He enjoyed fishing, reading, music and was a huge sports fan including the Huskers, Las Vegas Raiders and Milwaukee Bucks.

He will forever be remembered by his multiple siblings including brother Brian (Emily) Watkins, sister Rebecca (Ryan) Levell, brother Jeremy (Mary) Jones, brother Mike (Jessica) Jones, brother Andy (Lorena) Jones, brother Brett (Hannah) Jones and brother Kris Main. Other family he's survived by are his

stepdad Scott (Robin) Rollenhagen, grandma Sharon Caraballo, grandma Carol Rollenhagen, grandpa Glen Watkins as well as uncles Bob and Dave Watkins, their wives and countless nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mom Bev Rollenhagen, dad Steve Watkins, aunt Edith Michau, aunt Candy Jones, uncle Mike Watkins, grandparents Nancy and Hugh Jorgensen and grandpa Jim Caraballo.

James was a son, brother, uncle and friend to many and will be greatly missed.

The family plans to have a private ceremony on Saturday, June 15 in Curtis.

In lieu of flowers, feel free to make a donation to your local animal shelter in his honor. 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 of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Curtis Cemetery**

Road 391  
Curtis, NE 69025

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Jacob M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James A. Watkins.

Jacob M. - June 12, 2024 at 11:22 AM

UP

“ James was such an amazing co-worker from our early days at the Buckle Distribution Center all the way to our days in IT System Support. Outside of work, he was an even better friend. Trivia nights and movie watching were more enjoyable when he was there. I thank God for his friendship and will cherish the memories.

Uriah Pearson - June 11, 2024 at 05:47 PM

UP

“ James, you were such an amazing co-worker and an even better friend. God bless you man, and we'll meet again on God's golden shores.

Uriah Pearson - June 11, 2024 at 03:39 PM

JA

“ James was a reliable and dependable friend. He was always willing to take time of of his day to chat and bring a smile to your face. He will be greatly missed.

Jason - June 11, 2024 at 02:06 PM

JE

“ We used to be in a group at trivia. He was amazing with different facts. He will be missed

Jeremiah - June 10, 2024 at 05:16 PM

NH

“ *I have fond memories of working with James in the Distibution Center. He always made us laugh. I am so sorry to hear about his passing. May God grant you all peace at this time of great loss.*

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**Nancy Hanson** - June 10, 2024 at 03:14 PM