



James L. Selby

December 15, 1941 - October 20, 2012

James Lloyd Selby, 70, of Bismarck, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on October 20, 2012, at Sanford Health, due to complications of cancer. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 24, at Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck, with Pastors Randy Upgren and Dale Nabben officiating. Military honors and burial will be at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, at 1:00 p.m. An informal family and friend's service will be held at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, on Tuesday evening, October 23, beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be no visitation; cremation has taken place. Jim, the second of five children, was born December 15, 1941, to Homer and Alice Butka Selby at Sidney, MT. He was raised on an irrigation farm near Buford, ND, and graduated from Trenton High School in 1960. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education from Minot State University in 1964, and accepted his first teaching position at McGregor, ND. Jim entered the North Dakota Army National Guard in 1966, receiving his basic training at Fort Belvoir, VA. He was attached to Company B, 164th Engineering Battalion, in Williston, ND, for nine years, being honorably discharged in June 1975. He continued his teaching career at Stanton, receiving a Master of Science degree in School Administration from North Dakota State University in 1974 and serving as Stanton High School Principal and later School Superintendent. While living and teaching in Stanton he met a Beulah high school teacher, JeAnne Mittelstedt. They married on June 26, 1971, and had two children, Jennifer

and Jason. In 1979 Jim left Stanton to become a Community Development Representative with Basin Electric Power Cooperative, working on impact alleviation during construction and start-up of Antelope Valley Station. He and his family lived in Beulah until 1989, when he transferred to BEPC Headquarters in Bismarck. He held a number of positions in several departments over his 26 years of employment with Basin Electric. He also earned a second Master's degree through Oklahoma State University, Norman, OK, as well as a National Industrial & Economic Development certification in 1992. He was elected to the National Rural Economic Developers Association Board in 1994. Jim enjoyed giving back to the communities in which he lived through the years. He was active in the Stanton Jaycees and later the Beulah and Bismarck North Star Lions Clubs, serving as club president of both. He was active in the Beulah Chamber of Commerce and served as a Cub Scout leader there as well. He served on the Stewardship Committees and church councils of Zion Lutheran Church in Beulah as well as Charity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. He and JeAnne have belonged to the Roughrider Chapter of Family Campers and RVers since the late 1970s and have served as State Directors since 1997. Following Jim's retirement in January 2004, he and JeAnne annually enjoyed winters in Texas, Florida, Louisiana, or Arizona in their fifth wheel RVs or more recently in their motor home. Retirement also provided more free time for Jim to fish, camp, read, play pinochle, travel around the U.S. and Europe, "farm" their two-acre plot, and build furniture, crafts and wood toys for his two grandsons. Despite his spring 2002 cancer diagnosis and subsequent treatment protocols in Bismarck and at NIH/NCI in Bethesda, MD, Jim made the most of each day. Jim is survived by his wife of 41 years, JeAnne; his daughter, Jennifer David Engbrecht, Denver, CO; his son, Jason Katie Selby, St. Louis Park, MN; his three-year-old grandson, Miles Selby and two-year-old grandson, Colton Engbrecht; his sisters, Alice Bill Schott, Bismarck, and Diane Hal Lang, Billings, MT; his brothers, Jerry Linda Selby and Tom Nancy Selby, all of Williston; his sisters-in-law, Paulette Mittelstedt Michael Copp, Arlington, VA,

and Peggy Mittelstedt, Aurora, CO; his brother-in-law, Fred Mittelstedt, San Antonio, TX; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers-in-law, James Coats and Milton Mittelstedt; and one nephew, Shawn Mittelstedt. The family requests memorials be directed to Charity Lutheran Church or the Bismarck Cancer Center.

Tribute Wall

EH

“ Our sincere sympathy to JeAnne and family. Jim was a terrific guy and will be missed by many FCRV friends.

Ed & Kathy Hurley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My memories of Jim are primarily through his and JeAnne's involvement with Family Campers and Rvers. Jim,when he was in good health was very active in our FCRV leadership and JeAnn took up the slack when Jim's ill health took over. I remember Jim as always being a gentleman and kind. He will be missed. Jack Smye
Immediate Past President Family Campers and RVers

Jack & Sonya Smye - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ FCRV friends,we offer our condolences.

Paul Duggan - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ We are privileged to have known Jim & JeAnn since 2004 and have attended many campventions with them. Jim fought a very valiant battle with the big 'C'. At times, we didn't see how he could go on, but his will to live was very strong. He now rests in peace in the arms of our Lord. Our condolences to all of his family. We'll miss seeing him at the campventions.

Byron & Jan Johnston - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ God has called him home but not before you two made a big impression on our Camping family. May God Bless you in this time of troubled waters and help you to keep the faith and carry on as he would want you to do. Our love, prayers and hugs go out to you.

Dick & Belva Sackett - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ I feel we were really Blessed to have Jim as a friend thru NCHA/FCRV. He was a very caring man and you didn't have to be "important" for him to know you. My sincerest sympathy is with all of you.

Coriene Tevis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Thank you for your service to our country Jim. I remember the early days when you worked in our dept. in Mercer County. May you rest in peace now and may your family receive God's comfort.

Sheryl Massey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ So sad to hear of Jim's passing. With sympathy, a former McGregor High School student

Carol Olney - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help. Sincerely, Mark M. Springer

Mark M. Springer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Dear JeAnne & Family, We were so sorry to hear of your loss of Jim. We are thankful for the many opportunities we had of spending time with you folks. We always enjoyed his "wit" and positive attitude. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you in the days ahead. Garold & Linda Smith, Your Kansas Camping Friends.

Garold & Linda Smith - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

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JL

“ We have many memories of fun times together and years of working for and with a very qualified and remarkable man. Our condolences to the family of James Selby. John & Lina

John & Lina Lamsters - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Dion Stewart - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Mrs. Selby and family, As a student from Beulah High School, my deepest sympathy to all of you.*

Patsy Helm Frafford - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Pat Rotenberger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Our prayers are with you. A tough warrior fought a good battle. God will keep you in His hands. Thinking of you.*

Melissa and Jim Lewis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Jan & Family: So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Was unaware that he had any medical issues. Has been quite awhile since we have seen you guys but will remember all the good times had while in Stanton. Our sincere sympathy to all the family. Marvin & Katie*

Marvin/Katie Leer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *We're sorry to hear that Jim lost his battle, but we know he made every day since his diagnosis count. The number of days we have been given is not important; it's what we do with those days. Jim made them count. Now he's with all of our other campers who preceded him around the biggest campfire of all. We'll miss him. Take care. We'll keep you all in our prayers.*

Barb & Jim Turner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ JeAnne, Jennifer, Jason and family, My deepest sympathies in your loss. Jim led by an example of strength and determination that few will be able to follow. He is truly someone to be honored and celebrated! Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers - now and always.

Shannon Okerson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ dear Mrs. Selby I was one of your students in Beulah. I am so sorry to hear of the lose of Jim. I have always had fond memories of both of you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. sandy and randy riedemann

sandy schlecht riedemann - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Jim and JeAnne Selby both left an impression on the city of Stanton in addition to the school... I personally extend my condolences to the family as well as the network of friends that supported Jim throughout his life. God's peace be to you. --Linda Kessler Erickson

Linda Erickson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ To the Family of Jim, My thoughts n prayers are with All. Gloria called me. God Bless each n everyone.

Rose Selby Kamps - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ JeAnne and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you . C&C

Cal and Carla Bender - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM