



James Richard Ustanko

February 18, 1956 - February 8, 2011

James "Jim" Richard Ustanko, 54, Bismarck, died February 8, 2011. Funeral services will be held on Monday at 1:00 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, with Rev. Terry Kern officiating. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. James was born on February 18, 1956, in Bismarck, ND, to Joe and Lee Feist Ustanko. He attended Mandan schools and went on to earn his degree in occupational proficiency in welding and mechanics from the Technical Institute of East Grand Forks in June of 1976. He was employed by American Crystal Sugar, Coal Creek Power Station, and I.R. Bobcat. On February 13, 1982, Jim married Buffy Lennick and they had one son, Jaden. We always believed fishing brought Jim the most joy until his little grandson, Elijah, came along. Fishing became second after that. He loved being "Grandpa Jim" to little Eli. Jim is survived by Buffy Ustanko; his son, Jaden; his grandson, Elijah and Abbey Palerine Elijah's mommy; his mother, Lee; four brothers, Jerry Myrna, Marty Lois, Dan Joyce, and David; three sisters, Pat Rick Blank, Mary Glenn Siewert, and Tammy Bill Schmidt; one sister-in-law, Betty; four sisters-in-law and four brothers-in-law, Millie and John Holzer, Herb and Lynette Lennick, Mel and Les Lennick, Eleanor Opp, and Wilbert Opp; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews; and one special friend, Molly, the cat. He was preceded in death by his father; his brother, George; a very special nephew, Monte Holzer and niece, Patti Opp; his mother-in-law, Lydia Lennick; and numerous aunts and uncles. "James, you are forever in our hearts."

Tribute Wall

WB

“ I dont think I could have asked for a better friend then Jim always there to give advice in the littlest matters to the biggest. You will be missed but never forgotten.

Wayne Bearley - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Jim, Not a day has gone by without us thinking about you. You always had a warm welcoming smile with a story to tell. You were a great friend and as well the best fishing buddy! Although your time was short you will NEVER be forgotten! Where ever you are we know you are smiling, because it's always better on the other side. Till we meet again Friend! You'll be in our thoughts and prayers!

Perry and Maureen Halsey - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Buffy you and your Family are in our thoughts and prayers. Take Care!

Cathy Ward - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ TO THE USTANKO FAMILY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. NO WORDS CAN EXPRESS WHAT YOU ARE GOING THRU AT THIS TIME, JUST REMEMBER HE WILL ALWAYS BE IN YOUR HEARTS AND MEMORIES CAN NOT BE TAKEN AWAY.

LYLA JOYCE - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Buffy & Jaden, We're very sorry to hear about Jim. May your memories give you comfort through this sad time. Please know you're in our thoughts & prayers.

Maureen & Duane Knoll - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Buffy & Jaden, So very sorry to hear about Jim. Deepest and heartfelt condolences to the entire family.

Cathy & Lynn Anwiler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Buffy and Jaden, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Jim. My thoughts and prayer are with you!

Julie Ficek - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Max is a brother to Luvena and was James Godfather. Max and James had conversations that always produced some kind of a joke and lots of laughs. The Max Feist Family have always been a big part of the Ustanko family, and what a wonderful family it is. In this time of sadness may we all know that James is with his Father in Heaven. God Bless you all! Max, Barbara, Tom and family, Shirley and family, Mel, and Ron

Max Feist Family - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ James was one of my cousins that always greeted me with such a loving embrace. I remember one time I came home for a family wedding and James seen me a hugged me and twirled me around. James always lit the room up with his kind smile and those baby blue eyes. He will be deeply missed. My prayers are with you all.
Shirley

shirley nagel - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Buffy and Family - We are so sorry for your loss. We hope your broken heart heals with time and remembering all the good times with Jim. God Bless you all.

Carol/Harlowe Tjaden - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Buffy, Jaden, and family, our most sincere condolences, you are in our thoughts and prayers. LaVonne Glasser Susan and Mark Wagner

Susan Wagner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Sorry to hear of your loss Buffy. I worked with Jim, at Bobcat for 15 years. My condolences go out to you and your family.

Steve Chmielewski - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Buffy, I am so sorry to hear about Jim. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Jaden.

Tana Lobeck - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ To the Family James Ustanko, My purpose in writing you is to leave you with a word of comfort in such a sorrowful time such as this. The Bible talks of a time when your lost loved one will have the hope of being resurrected. In the Bible, at John 5:28-29 it says `All those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice Jesus Christ, and come out...' It can be very difficult for others to understand exactly how you feel in such a time of grief, and sometimes it will feel that things will never be the same. There is a brochure entitled `When Someone You Love Dies' which you will find very comforting. This brochure was never intended to make the pain go away; however, I personally believe that it can help to give you hope and understanding. The 5 sections in the brochure cover the following topics: 1. `It Can't Be True! 2. Is It Normal to Feel This Way? 3. How Can I Live With My Grief? 4. How Can Others Help? 5. A Sure Hope for the Dead Not only does it show the Bible's view of the condition of our lost loved ones and the hope of the resurrection, but it addresses the feelings that you're going through and also what you can do to help others who have lost a loved one. The next time you see any one of Jehovah's Witnesses, ask him/her for a free copy of this brochure, which will be enthusiastically given to you. Again, we are sorry to hear of you loss and do hope you will find comfort in these few word. Trina

Trina - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I met Jim through a mutual friend we ended up doing some fishing together---anyone that knew Jim understood he was a very confident and proud of his mechanical skills-I had a Cabin Cruiser boat that had various problems Jim assured me he could correct them--I wasn't sure he was that good--I let him have at it--I should have never doubted his abilities he was one of the best!!!Jim liked to Talk the Talk but he's one of few that could Walk the Walk..Going to miss you buddy--jeff

Jeff Reis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM