



SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

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In Loving Memory James Adam Nagel

May 23, 1944
Gettysburg, South Dakota

June 24, 2025
Billings, Montana

WAKE:

4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 29, 2025
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

VOCALIST: Todd Mangin *"Why Me, Lord?"*

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

10:30 a.m., Monday, June 30, 2025
Sacred Heart Catholic Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Fr. Brian Simon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Gerri Ann Eide

LECTOR: Kenny Awe and Dawn Nagel

OFFERTORY: Tom and Irma LeFaive

MASS SERVER: Randy Kurkowski

CASKET BEARERS: Bobby Simon, Gerri Ann Eide, Ivy Langeberg,
Kaitlin Feist, Jay Bigge, and Randy Kurkowski

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS: Jim's Grandchildren

PLACING OF THE PALL: Jim's Children

MUSICIAN: Colleen Simon

VOCALIST: Claire Baumann *"You Are Mine"*

INTERMENT: Pembroke Cemetery
Rural Hoven, South Dakota, With Military Honors

James A. Nagel, 81, of Gettysburg, passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Billings Clinic Hospital, Billings, MT.

James, son of John Adam Nagel and Rose (Brincks) Nagel Meyers and stepson of Laverne Meyers, was born May 23, 1944, in Gettysburg, SD. He attended Gettysburg High School and South Dakota State University. He served as a United States Army Sergeant in the Vietnam War from September 1967-1968. He married his lifetime partner and bride, Rose Ann (Opitz) Nagel, on November 13, 1982. Rose Ann is the daughter of Melvin and RosaLee Opitz from Eden, SD.

Apart from his time in the service, Jim dedicated his life working on and developing the Nagel family farm. He fondly described his occupation of farming and ranching as professional gambling. He loved to talk about the amount it rained and always humbly accepted God's plans for the seasons. He was passionate about the land and animals. Jim was a longtime parishioner of Gettysburg's Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Over the years, Jim was actively involved in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Right to Life, and was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. Jim served on the Honor Guard for 56 years.

Before marriage, Jim earned his pilot certificate and often told stories of his adventures that involved flying. He had many roles and answered to multiple names: Husband, Brother, Dad, Uncle Jimmy, Hooknose while in the service, and Grandpa Jim. His family became his most important pride and priority, which included many "adopted" family members. He loved to bring laughter wherever he went with humor, banter, and giving his famous calf bellar. One of his greatest joys was riding and caring for his horses. A deep, simple love of family, God, and country embodied Jim's heart.

James is survived by his wife, Rose Ann; children: Adam, Paul, Sarah (husband Seth), Alex (wife Elizabeth), and Beth (fiancé Caleb); grandchildren: Isaac, Jacob, and Boston McGill (Sarah and Seth) and Maria, Veronica, and Chiara Nagel (Alex and Elizabeth); brother, Herman (Becky) Nagel; sister, Irma (Tom) LeFaive; as well as many extended family including cousins, nieces, and nephews that he cherished.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Adam and Rose and stepfather, Laverne; brothers: Eugene, Leonard, Arnie, and Larry; and father and mother-in-law, Melvin and RosaLee Opitz.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Midwest Honor Flight, PO Box 22, Sioux Center, IA 51250.

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