

Visitation

10:00 a.m., Monday, July 31, 2023
Hyde County Memorial Auditorium
Highmore, South Dakota

Memorial Service

11:00 a.m., Monday, July 31, 2023
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Minister

Pastor Shari Schwedhelm

Urnbearers

Mike McDonnell - Junior Taylor
Larry Kindopp - Michael LeMaster
Ed Westcott - Dan Pekarek
Ken McGirr - Ronnie Volek

Honorary Urnbearers

Past & Present Members
of the Highmore Volunteer
Fire Department

Ushers

Al, Eric, & Bill Volek

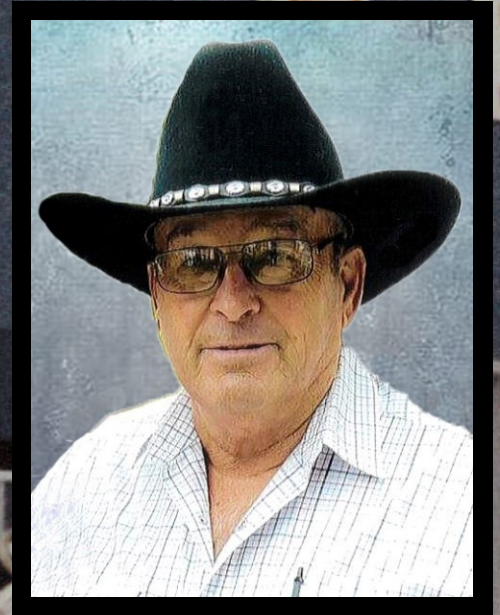
Guestbook

Teresa Westcott - Jolene Volek
Betty McDonnell - Joy Taylor

Musician and Song Selections

Bob Bawdon
"Daddy's Hands"
"How Do I Live Without You"

Arrangements Entrusted to
Luce, Luze & Reck Funeral Homes - Highmore, S.D.
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Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Jim Hoffman

July 14, 1948 - July 10, 2023



James "Jim" Hoffman, 74, passed away Monday, July 10, 2023, at Avera St. Mary's Hospital, Pierre, surrounded by his family.

James (Jim) Arnold Hoffman was born July 14, 1948, in Pierre, SD, to Arnold and Clara Mae (Carroll) Hoffman. He was baptized in the Lutheran faith. Jim attended country school in his younger years and graduated from Highmore High School in 1968. After graduation, he attended Lake Area Tech in Watertown, graduating with a degree in auto mechanics. He married Dianne Goehring in June of 1969 and to this union three children were born: Leanne, Ken, and John.

Jim worked for several area businesses over the years, eventually purchasing a gas station from Floyd Campbell. During his years operating the station, Jim provided many services including: an auto shop, used car sales, a parts store, minnow sales, and fur buying. During this time is also when the "Railroad Bar" (the station) came to be and is still in operation.

After several years of operating the station, Jim decided to put to work his skills he learned in his younger years working for Westcott Construction. Jim started Hoffman Trenching, which he operated for 24 years. Jim took great pride in his business, was a very hard worker, and was always going a hundred miles an hour. The grass did not have time to grow under his feet.

Jim married Ruby Cudmore in Highmore on December 24, 1996. With this union, he acquired two more children: Kristi and Jeremy. They enjoyed traveling together to see family and friends.

Jim was a member of the Highmore Fire Department for 30 years. During his time with the department, he was both a fireman and EMT. Jim found his time with the department to be very rewarding.

Jim enjoyed working on cars. He built many demolition derby cars over the years, some for himself and some with his boys. Jim's pride and joy was the 1928 Model T Roadster that he built from an original

body that he dug up at his parent's farm out behind the chicken coop.

Jim was a kindhearted person, always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, whether he knew them or not. Jim always had a smile on his face and a good joke or wise crack for anyone in his company. You could usually find Jim with a pack of Oreos nearby.

After a truck/train accident in 2015, Jim retired and sold Hoffman Trenching to his son, Ken. During retirement, Jim could be seen traveling around Hyde County in his maroon suburban, just checking on what everyone was up to.

Jim is survived by his wife, Ruby of Highmore; children: Leanne of Highmore, Ken (Amy) Hoffman of Highmore and John (Kim) Hoffman of Pierre; grandchildren: Samantha (Glenn) Aymar, Tate Hoffman, Joe and Morgan Hoffman; step-grandchildren: Carson and Brynn Stoeser; step-children: Kristi (Darrel) Hinkle and Jeremy (Sarah) Van Tassel; step-grandchildren: Brittany (Jeremiah) Price, Shelby, Justin, and Conner "Leroy" Hinkle, and Ethan Van Tassel; great grandchild, Silas Price; siblings: Morris (Debb) Hoffman, Connie (Diane) Hoffman and Myra (Tim) Brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; infant siblings: Ronnie and David; aunts; uncles; and cousins.