

James Lester Prizkau was born March 20, 1942. He was the eighth child out of ten born to John and Lydia Pritzkau. Jim passed away October 3, 2020. He was 78 years old.

Jim was born and grew up on a farmstead in Logan County nine miles east of Napoleon, ND. He worked hard on the family farm alongside his siblings. Jim enjoyed working with the animals more than he enjoyed the farming! Jim met his future bride, Linda, on New Years Eve 1963. They were married six months later on June 6, 1964. They celebrated 52 years of marriage before she passed away in 2017. In the fall of 1964 Jim and Linda moved to Williston, ND for Jim to work in the oil fields. Mid 1965 they moved to Sidney where they raised their children and built their life. Jim started working for Cenex in the early 1970's and continued to work for them until he retired as a pumper in 1992 because of his health. In the late 1970's he started his own mechanic shop, Big Jim's Auto Repair, out of his garage. He was an extremely hard worker, working for Cenex during the day and then evenings and weekends working in his shop.

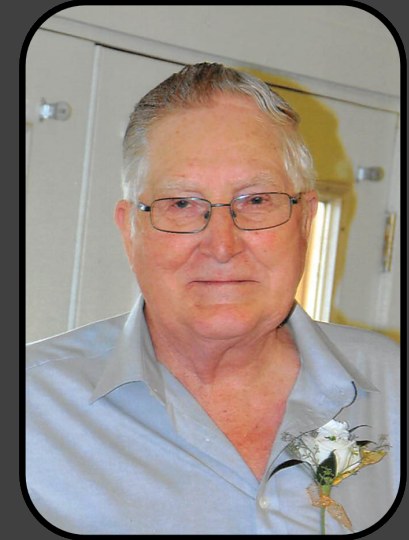
Although Jim's health was not the best, he still loved working on projects in his garage, visiting family and friends as often as he could and generally enjoying life. He always had a story or joke to tell and he rarely forgot a face. He was very good at keeping in contact with family and friends over the phone, emails and later Facebook. Anyone who knew him knew he loved to visit!

Jim is survived by: his son, Blaine (Mylinda) Pritzkau, Frenchtown, MT; daughter Cindy (Dave) Korf, Billings, MT; sister LaVerne Calverley, Albert Lea, MN; sister Donna (Jack) Turner, Fargo, ND; brother Clifton (Rose) Pritzkau, Tooele, UT; brother Richard (Mavis) Pritzkau, Bakersfield, CA; sister in law Shirley (John) Anderson, Belgrade, MN; grandson Rory (Shelby) Pritzkau, Williston, ND; grandson Rand (Lindsey) Pritzkau, Frenchtown, MT; granddaughter Mikayla Korf, Billings, MT; and great grandchild Madison Rae Pritzkau, Williston, ND; and lots of nieces and nephews and dear friends.

Jim was preceded in death by: his wife Linda Pritzkau, his parents John and Lydia Pritzkau, brother Julius (Gwen) Pritzkau, brother Clyde Pritzkau, brother Alvin Pritzkau, brother Duane Pritzkau, sister Carol Ann Pritzkau, and numerous aunts, uncles, family and friends.



IN LOVING
Memory



James Lester Pritzkau

March 20, 1942 ~ October 3, 2020



James Pritzkau

Born to John & Lydia Pritzkau
March 20, 1942~Napoleon, North Dakota

Passed Away

October 3, 2020~Billings, Montana

Funeral Service

2:00PM Friday October 16, 2020
Church of the Nazarene~Sidney, Montana

Officiating

Pastor Richard Evans

Music

PJ & Janet Brannan

Kristine Beyerle

Casketbearers

Jim Herron

John Anderson

Mike Eggum

Justin King

Rory Pritzkau

Rand Pritzkau

Dave Korf

Honorary Casketbearers

All of Jim's many Friends & Family

Ushers

Kristal Renders

Joe Renders

Luncheon will be served at the church

following the burial

Final Resting Place

Sidney Cemetery~Sidney, Montana

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see,

If the *sun should rise* and find you even
filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today.

While I'm thinking of the many things we didn't get to say

I know how much you love me,

as much as I love you,

and each time you think of me I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand,

that an *Angel* came and called my name
and took me by the hand.

She said my place was ready in heaven far above,

and that I'd have to leave behind

all those **I DEARLY LOVE.**

But as I turned and walked away, a tear fell from my eye,

for all my life I always thought I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, I had so much to do.

It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad.

I thought of all the love we shared and all the *fun* we had.

If I could re-live yesterday,

I thought just for a while,

I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,

for every time you think of me I'm right here in your **HEART.**

