



## Mr. James William Barrett

April 5, 1939 - January 23, 2019

James “Jim” William Barrett, age 79, of Savage, MN passed away Wednesday, January 23, 2019.

Jim was born April 5, 1939 in Gregory, SD to Floyd and Dorothea (Chappell) Barrett. He grew up in Dixon, SD on the family farm with his two brothers and two sisters. After attending Pocahontas School (a one room schoolhouse) in Dixon, SD and high school in Gregory, he attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD where he earned a degree in Civil Engineering.

Jim was united in marriage to Verna (Gisi) in Harvey, ND on June 1, 1963 and happily celebrated their 55th anniversary last year. They settled in St. Peter to raise their four children. 1986 brought a move to Castle Rock, CO. After retiring in 2004, Jim and Verna settled in Savage, MN.

Jim worked for several companies including Hallett Construction of St. Peter, MN and Franktown, CO and Castle Rock Construction of Castle Rock, CO. He finished his career as an expert witness for Colorado court cases. While in St. Peter, he was involved in numerous activities with his wife and children including St. Mary’s Catholic Church as part of the Polka Choir and a confirmation teacher, John Ireland Catholic School that his children attended, and other outside groups.

Jim is survived by his wife, Verna; his children, Kevin (Renee) & children Niklas, Kate and Reid, Kristi (Mike) Mattiuz & children Zane and Shay, Renee (Eric) Martinson & children Stefanie, Ryan, Kylie, and Welly, and Richard & children Jack, Mason, and Logan; brother Bob (Liz) Barrett, sisters Kathy (Scott) Harrison and Susan (Robert) Martin, and sister-in-law Darlene (Gisi) Wurtele; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Dorothea, and brothers, Richard and Donald.

The family has planned a private funeral celebrating Jim's exceptional life and would like to thank all those who have sent thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, memorials can go to The Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org](http://alz.org) or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at [jdrf.org](http://jdrf.org).

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ Jim was a great guy - always enjoyed talking to him, and enjoyed our time pheasant hunting at his dad's (Floyd's) place in Gregory. Have not seen him much (if at all) the past few years - but still have good memories of him - especially the times when he would sneak a little Copenhagen snuff from me - ha.

*May he rest in peace.*

*Mike Kennedy*

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**mike kennedy** - February 01, 2019 at 10:49 AM

KM

*Thank you Mike and thanks for sharing the memories. He loved all those trips to SD.*

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**Kristi Mattiuz** - February 05, 2019 at 12:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. James William Barrett.*



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January 31, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. James William Barrett.*



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January 31, 2019 at 09:33 AM

KM

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Kristi Mattiuz** - January 31, 2019 at 08:04 AM

LS

“ Prayers and sincere condolences in the loss of your Father. We have fond memories of him at all of Stephs softball games he was one of the best fans they ever had. May He Rest In Peace. 🙏

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**Linda and Dave Swanberg** - January 30, 2019 at 11:02 PM

RM

Thank you for your kind words! Good memories -terrific grandparents the girls have! ❤️❤️❤️ I miss seeing you!

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**Renee Martinson** - January 31, 2019 at 10:41 AM

EK

“ Sending prayers and lots of love to a beautiful family which I first met during my first year of teaching at John Ireland School in 1976. I remember all the laughter and good times we shared. Verna, you and Jim were always my role-models for a great married couple and parents. Life is always made up of changes and though you were all strong to weather them together, this change alters family the way it once was. God bless you all at this time in your life with this major change in your family. I know with your faith, God will continue to be there with you as you walk this new road in life without your husband, father and grandpa! Sincerely, Emily (Hoskins) and Peter Klug

Emily Hoskins Klug - January 30, 2019 at 08:52 PM

RM



Renee Martinson - January 31, 2019 at 10:45 AM

KM

Thank you so much - it means so much to us.

Kristi Mattiuz - February 03, 2019 at 09:42 AM

NR

“ Kristi-I am so sorry for the loss of your father 🙏. May you receive comfort knowing he is in peace in heaven. 🙏

Nancy Rydland - January 30, 2019 at 01:57 PM

KM

Thank you Nancy - you are so right that he is at peace in heave.

Kristi Mattiuz - February 03, 2019 at 09:43 AM