



## Jacob James "Jim" Van Dyke

November 9, 1942 - May 14, 2018

Jacob James Van Dyke, age 75, died Monday, May 14, 2018 in Fargo, ND. Jim was born the son of Hein and Dora (Van Hal) Van Dyke of Marion, ND on November 9, 1942. He was raised on the family farm in Greenland Township, Barnes County, ND, the oldest of three children. He quit school early and started working for neighboring farmers. He left home at age 14 to do what he loved, working with tractors and machinery.

Jim moved to Valley City in 1963 and started building houses with his uncles, with whom he also had many enjoyable hunting and fishing trips into Canada. In 1965, he started working on the Van Hall farm, managing the cattle and farming. These were fun times, including the introduction of the first Purebred Simmental bull in ND. They also raised French Charolais and Maine-Anjou cattle.

In 1969 he married Nadine Wagar, the daughter of Elmer and Hazel. He established the Van Dyke Payloader Service in 1979, serving farmers and the community with loader work for 38 years.

Above all Jim was committed to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jim is survived by his wife; daughter Heidi (John) Lewicki and kids Kasin, Tegin & Torin, Plymouth, MN; sons Jeremy (Penelope) Van Dyke and kids Josie, Allison, Natalie & Katie, Glyndon, MN, and Travis (Libby) Van Dyke and kids Margaret, Henry, Ellie, Bethany, Gabe & Carlie, Zap, ND. He is also survived by his sisters Marlene (John) Eidsmoe and Greta (Michael)

Wittmeier.

Visitation will be 5-7 pm Thursday, May 17, 2018 at First Baptist Church, Valley City with a prayer service at 7 pm at the church. Visitation will continue one hour before the service at the church. The funeral will be at 10 am Friday at First Baptist Church. Burial will be in Memory Garden, rural Valley City. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at [www.oliver-nathanchapel.com](http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
3511 Kathryn Rd. S.  
Valley City, ND

## Prayer Service

MAY 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
3511 Kathryn Rd. S.  
Valley City, ND

## Visitation

MAY 18. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
3511 Kathryn Rd. S.  
Valley City, ND

## Funeral Service

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
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Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ Ryan and Krystal Wrolstad purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jacob James "Jim" Van Dyke.



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**Ryan and Krystal Wrolstad** - May 17, 2018 at 01:02 PM

VS

“ to Nadine and family; also sisters, Marlene and Greta:

*"When He comes our glorious King,  
all His ransomed home to bring.  
Then anew this song we'll sing,  
'Hallelujah, what a Savior!"  
And may the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:7  
All our love from Him who loved us first.  
Your eternal friends in Christ,  
Don/Verla (Van Dyke) Van Sloten Ireton, Ia*

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**Verla Van Sloten** - May 17, 2018 at 10:51 AM

RS

“ My condolences and thoughts are with you Nadine and family on the loss of your loved one. So glad tho that he knew The Lord. May The Lord comfort you at this time of loss.

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**Russ Steinhaus** - May 17, 2018 at 10:13 AM

JH

“ I was saddened to hear of Jim's death and want to express our sympathy to his family. Jim, Marlene, and Greta grew up on a farm only 1/2 mile from my home. We attended the same grade school and have many happy memories of those days. After high school, I left North Dakota and have not seen Jim for many years but spoke of him with another former neighbor to us, Clarence Van Bruggen. I have heard of his strong faith in our Lord and know that must be a real comfort to all of you. We will pray for you as you adjust to his passing and know that he is happy with the Lord and free from pain now. Joanne (Boom) Harthoorn

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**Joanne Harthoorn** - May 16, 2018 at 03:57 PM

GW

Thanks so much Joanne...so many wonderful memories that tie our family with yours...we are blessed to know the real tie continues through our Savior!

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**Greta VanDyke Wittmeier** - June 08, 2018 at 01:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jacob James "Jim" Van Dyke.



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May 16, 2018 at 07:36 AM

LS

“ My mother was 4 when Jim was born. She insisted that everyone address her as "Auntie Maria" after his birth.  
She doted on Jim.  
Then Marlene ("The Usurper") was born.  
It ended up that Marlene really did usurp James' place in my mom's heart.  
But she is truly saddened today.  
I know,( because of her tears), that this man played a huge role in her heart.

*Lee Schneidermann*

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**Lee Schneidermann** - May 15, 2018 at 11:48 PM

GW

*Lee Thanks so much for this note! One of the kids found it right away and shared with all of us! Know we grieve for the losses your family has had too...thanks again for thinking of us. Our love to you and yours. Greta*

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**Greta VanDyke Wittmeier** - June 08, 2018 at 01:54 PM

LS

“ I remember playing "Dakota Rook" with Jim at our family reunions in Worthington, MN.  
Every time someone addressed him as "Jim", he would turn to them and say, "It's James, brother to Christ, Friend to All".  
He kept everyone laughing so hard around the table that we never forgot that he was "James, brother of Christ, Friend to All".

*Lee Schneidermann  
James' Cousin*

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**Lee Schneidermann** - May 15, 2018 at 11:37 PM

GW

LOL Yup...that's Jim !! 😊

Greta VanDyke Wittmeier - June 08, 2018 at 01:56 PM

MW

“ Heidi, I am so sorry for your families loss. Our prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. God bless. -The Wimmers

Mike Wimmer - May 15, 2018 at 03:52 PM

 Heidi Lewicki

Thanks Mike, we are doing well and so blessed by the many friends who have prayed and thought of us !

Heidi Lewicki - June 21, 2018 at 10:31 PM