



James A. Leadbetter

December 7, 1924 - December 9, 2023

James A. Leadbetter passed away December 9, 2023 at SMP Health – St. Raphael, Valley City under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley at the age of 99.

James' funeral service will be viewable via livestream at <https://vimeo.com/event/3959635>

His funeral service will be 11:00 am, Saturday, December 16 at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City with visitation one hour before the funeral service at the chapel. Burial will be at Memory Gardens in the spring.

James Arthur Leadbetter was born December 7, 1924 to Olive (Bragg) and Harrison D. Leadbetter in Baldwin Township, Luverne, ND. He was confirmed at Minnie Lake Lutheran Church and was the only student in his class, graduating in 1943 from Baldwin High School. Jim loved to play basketball and played in the Barnes County Tournament. He was called to duty in WWII, while on the bus to basic training the war ended.

Jim met his future wife while in school and on June 12, 1945 he married Virginia Weaver. They farmed in Baldwin and Grand Prairie Township for 54 years before moving to Valley City in 1999. To this union four children were born. Gerald (Pearl) Battle Lake, MN, James (Marie) Valley City, Randy (Barb)

Carrington, ND, Janell (Kenneth) Grudniewski, Fulda, MN. Jim was also blessed with 12 grandchildren, Lisa (Patrick) Eisele, Jeremy Leadbetter, Nicholas Leadbetter, Jill (Jeff) Olson, Kristin (Michael Lyman) Leadbetter, Michael (Melanie) Leadbetter, Trudy (Rob) Hanson, Breanna (JD) Dunn, Sean (Sami Morris) Leadbetter, Amy (Mike) Singsaath, Kendra (Chris) Roberts, Amber (Jason) Billig and 19 great grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, his parents, a sister Evelyn Flesberg, a brother Dwayne, half-brother Kenneth Heimbush and half-sister Kathleen Tobleman.

He was a member of the Grand Prairie and Pillsbury School Board and Valley City Eagles Club for 56 years where he met his very special friend Doris Aas. They loved to dance and play music together.

A very special thank you to Virginia Zubrod and Hospice of the Red River Valley for the wonderful care Jim received.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ Wonderful that he lived a full life. My memories of him is of a pleasant, warm person. I am so happy to have video of him and Aunty Gin, along with Uncle Bob that I recorded in 1992. They came to my parents home for lunch and went to see Aunt Dorothy. They played cards too. Little did I know then how special this video would be. Thinking of you all, Cousin Jeannie & husband Mark.

Jeannie Christenson - December 15, 2023 at 02:17 PM

JC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeannie Christenson - December 15, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James A. Leadbetter.



December 14, 2023 at 11:39 AM

DM

“ Sorry to read about Jim. We send our prayers and sincere sympathy to all of you.

David and Patsy Madsen - December 13, 2023 at 09:29 PM

PL

“ 7 files added to the album Jim



Pearl Leadbetter - December 12, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses* was purchased for the family of James A. Leadbetter.



December 12, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James A. Leadbetter.



December 12, 2023 at 07:46 AM