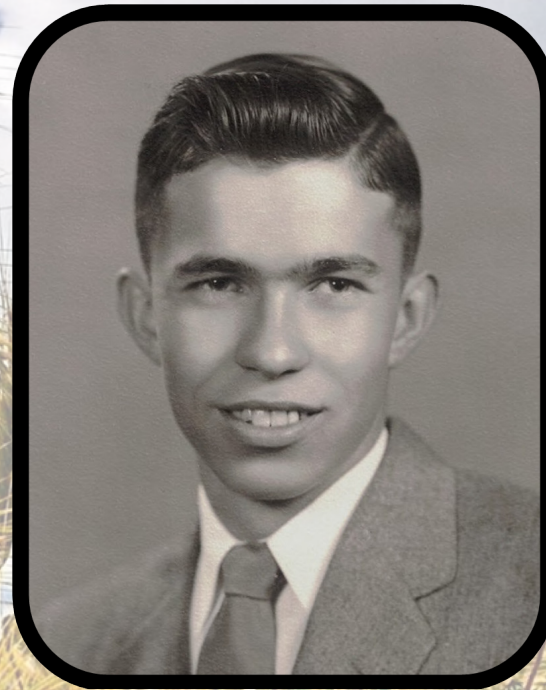


James Jacob Ketterling was born on February 22, 1939 in Fairview, MT to Jacob and Metha (Heil) Ketterling. He graduated from Fairview High School in 1957. After serving in the military, he returned home to the family farm where he would raise sugar beets and seed wheat, among other crops, for the next 50 years. It was in Fairview on July 17, 1965 he married the love of his life, Sharon Croy, and they raised three children.

While often referred to as soft spoken, Jim was better known as a steadfastly loyal family man, fierce supporter of the Fairview community, and devoted and faithful Christian. Whether serving on the local school board, church council, or other community groups, Jim always brought a determined spirit focused on doing what was right. Giving of himself to serve and help others was second nature to him, often inviting others into the home to celebrate a holiday when they had nowhere else to go. But what Jim most enjoyed was spending time with family. Nothing made him happier, and grin that big smile bigger, than having his entire family in one place: celebrating holidays or birthdays, family vacations, playing games, or simply just spending time together-that is what was most important to him.

Jim Ketterling died on Monday, December 7, 2020 at CHI St. Alexis in Bismarck, ND.

Jim starts his new life with Christ in Heaven, re-uniting with his parents, sister June Sullivan, and brother Jacob, who died in infancy. He is survived by his wife Sharon; three children, Jackie (Monty) Ritz, Jeff, and Stacey (Tom) Langer; five grandchildren, Jake, Zane, and Zoe Ritz, Kyleigh Ketterling, and Gabrielle Langer; and his brother-in-law, Ted Sullivan.



IN LOVING
Memory



**JAMES JACOB
KETTERLING**

FEBRUARY 22, 1939
DECEMBER 7, 2020



JAMES KETTERLING

BORN TO JACOB & METHA KETTERLING
FEBRUARY 22, 1939~FAIRVIEW, MONTANA

PASSED AWAY
DECEMBER 7, 2020~BISMARCK, ND

SERVICES
2:00PM SATURDAY DECEMBER 12, 2020
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
FAIRVIEW, MONTANA

OFFICIATING
REVEREND MARK NICOLAUS

MUSIC
RICHARD REIDLE JANET DUDA

CASKETBEARERS
RUSSELL SKOGEN RAY SKOGEN
JASON KLEIN JASON ELLETON
DANNY FERRELL GARY BAKER

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS
ALL OF JIM'S MANY FAMILY & FRIENDS

USHERS
HARVEY FINSAAS MIKE OTTERSTETTER

FINAL RESTING PLACE
FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
EAST FAIRVIEW, NORTH DAKOTA

**LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED AT THE
CHURCH FOLLOWING THE BURIAL**

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GOD looked around the garden,
And found an empty space.
He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face. He put
His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
For He only takes the **BEST.**
He knew that you were weary,
and He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
be well on earth again.
He saw the roads were getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids,
Peace be Shine. and whispered

