



James Kenneth Lee

August 6, 1938 - December 10, 2023

James Kenneth Lee passed away Sunday, December 10, 2023 in Independence, MO.

He was born in Missouri Valley, IA on August 6, 1938, the first child of John and Bessie (Adams) Lee. He grew up in Council Bluffs, IA and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. He married Virginia (Pash) on August 4, 1963 and they had two children, Janet and Donald. Jim worked for Omaha Cash Register (now Data Systems, Inc) which moved his family to Grand Island. Virginia passed away July 31, 1986. He married Lavonne Mangers on August 25, 1990 and gained four more children and their families, Jim and Vonnie were avid Nebraska Football and Volleyball fans and enjoyed being snow birds in AZ and traveling with their RV group. Vonnie passed March 5, 2021 and Jim eventually moved to Lee's Summit, MO so Don could help him more. Jim is survived by his children Sue Bales (Gary), Laurie Ellermeier (Lonnie), Jennifer Poppen (Todd), Fred Ellermeier (Kathy), Janet Markus (Ron), Don Lee (Jennifer), two brothers Ronnie and Jerry, ten grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held in the spring of 2024 in Grand Island, NE.