



## James Urban

February 28, 1960 - November 8, 2015

James E. Urban, 55, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2015.

A Celebration of James' Life will be 10 a.m. Monday, November 23rd in the Gollaher Chapel of Trinity United Methodist Church. Reverend Dr. Theresa Mason will officiate. Burial of ashes will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, in the Douglas Grove Cemetery in Comstock.

There will be a gathering of family and friends from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, November 22nd at All Faiths Funeral Home.

James was born February 28, 1960 at Loup City the son of Rudolph and Pauline Urban. James was the youngest son and second youngest child. Those we lift up in prayer are his wife, Celia; his brothers and sisters, Rose & Marvin Sorensen, Ray & Sandy Urban, Bob & Gena Urban, Arnold Urban, Joyce Urban, and Louis Urban. His parent-in-laws Paul & Rita Wagner, his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Denise and Keith Koertje, Craig and Lori Wagner, Joan Wagner, Jerome and Terri Wagner, Roger and Sherry Wagner, Sara and Jerry Sukup, Lee and Donna Wagner, Donovan and Jackie Wagner, and Brett Wagner and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and friends.

James has been welcomed into heaven by his parents, brother, Rudy, and his

little sister, Nancy.

James was raised in Arcadia and graduated from Arcadia High School in 1978. He later graduated from Kearney State College. James was inducted into the Arcadia Husky Wall of Fame.

Jim went to work for Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska as an Accounting Clerk working his way up to the position of Chief Financial Officer. He retired in March 2014 after 31 years. Jim never forgot Goodwill's mission and Goodwill's participants. He was very proud to be a part of the wonderful team he worked with.

While working at Goodwill Industries, he met Celia Wagner in 1993. To their mutual satisfaction, they were married on September 2, 1995 at St Leo's Catholic Church in Grand Island, Nebraska with both of their families in joyful attendance.

James loved family, his family, Celia's family, their family. If Jim was in your vicinity, he wanted to know about you, your day, and your life. Everything was of interest to him, especially faith. In Jim's own way, he was a man with a very deep faith.

Jim was an enthusiastic and vocal fan of the tradition of the University of Nebraska sports. He shared his knowledge and opinion of all things Husker with anyone who would listen.

Jim was our spark plug. He didn't want his health to be an issue or a hindrance. He loved to travel and see new places and things, including numerous football game trips. Jim did not let his health deter him from being an avid golfer.

Most of all he loved Celia. He said many times that she was his shining star. He felt he was the luckiest man on earth to have been married to her these twenty years.

A memorial fund will be established in memory of James. And that is Jim's Big Red Wrap-up!

# Cemetery Details

## **Douglas Grove Cemetery**

Comstock, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Urban*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Celia and family,  
Our sympathy is extended to you at this time  
of sorrow. ..Maria Beck & Doug Mead*



**Maria Beck** - November 26, 2015 at 09:01 PM



“ *Celia and family. Robyn and I are truly saddened for your loss of Jim. Many times Jim and I laughed about life while he loved on and I cussed on the Huskers. Jim was a Husker Volleyball fan way before most and was pivotal in getting me interested in the sport...he knows why. Just when I wish life was more fair sometimes, someone passes through your life that makes you realize that life has nothing to do with fairness or luck of the draw...but rather it is about enduring, embracing, and persevering...and Jim was one of those people. If you couldn't laugh after shooting the bull with Jim...well ...I don't think you exist. You simply had to feel good after seeing Jim slowly turn and give you that look...you know the one. Jim lifted many, many people with both his knowledge and wit. When I saw a notice online earlier in the week...I was hoping it was someone else. Goodbye Jim...you packed a ton into your 55 years... and thank you for making a positive impact on my life back in the day. Go Big Red!! Mike McCann*

**Mike McCann** - November 22, 2015 at 01:18 PM

SC

“ *A most excellent obituary for a man who lived an excellent life.*

*Love,  
Shala*



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**Shala Carter** - November 21, 2015 at 01:57 AM

CP

“ *Celia. Our prayers are with you during this time in your life. I am truly honored to have known such a kind, loving and spirited soul. I will always have many, many years of great times to cherish forever. I will keep you close to my heart .....you know how much I loved him. Cindy Paustian*

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**Cindy Paustian** - November 20, 2015 at 04:48 AM

ST

“ *My sympathies to the family. Jim made a couple good impressions on me. One was standing up to the microphone at Uncle Gene's services and telling his story, that was awesome. And how much fun it was at Jim and Celia's wedding, and that playing Hail Varsity Nebraska Fight song is appropriate at any event !  
Scott Tharnish (cousin to Celia)*

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**Scott Tharnish** - November 18, 2015 at 01:02 PM

MS

*Celia, you have my deepest sympathy. I been thinking of you a lot. I would have called you but don't have your number. My prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family. Love, Marie*

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**Marie Schuster** - November 19, 2015 at 02:27 PM

LM

*Celia: I want to send you my fondest thoughts and deep sympathy at the loss of Jim. I will pray that God gives you peace of mind and heart not only today, but in the months to come. Lois Moser (Celia's cousin)*

**Lois K. Moser** - November 25, 2015 at 02:11 PM

RB

*Celia, Doug and I are so sorry to here of Jim's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.Go Huskers! Love, Doug & Rhonda Bauer*

**Rhonda Bauer** - November 27, 2015 at 09:53 AM