



## James O'Dea

March 22, 1939 - April 13, 2020

James F. O'Dea, age 81, passed away with family by his side on Monday, April 13, 2020, at his home in Bluffton, MN, under the compassionate care of Knute Nelson Hospice.

Francis James O'Dea, known by many as James, was born to Michael and Virginia (Martin) O'Dea on March 22, 1939, at Hot Springs, SD. He was united in marriage with Doris Irene Karge on January 8, 1959 in Hot Springs.

Farming was Jim's passion and he enjoyed everything that went with it! He had an avid interest and ability in restoring John Deere tractors. Farmers around the Henning area will remember him for his skill in the cow breeding trade several years ago.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Michael and Virginia; a brother and a sister.

Left to hold Jim in memory are his devoted wife Doris; children David (Cindy) O'Dea of IN, Gary O'Dea, and Tom (Debbie) O'Dea both of Bluffton, Barbara (Mike) Blumer of Alexandria and Crystal (David) Rath of Newell, SD; 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; two sisters who remain in South Dakota; along with very special friends Bill Lewis and Chuck Bruner of Newell, SD, Melvin Youngberg of Vale, SD and Steven Rokes of Clitherall, MN.

The family has chosen to not have a memorial service at this time.

Cards of condolence may be sent to:

The family of James O'Dea

PO Box 35

Bluffton, MN

# Tribute Wall

TK

“ Thoughts & prayers to the O'DEA FAMILY!  
Your dad was helpful & kind. I pray your  
special memories will give you comfort  
strength and peace during this difficult time!  
RIP Jim 🙏



Tim Kenyon - April 25, 2020 at 12:35 AM

BK

“ He was a very good loving father and a great  
farmer with alot of respect for old ways and  
things that will bring farming into new ways.  
Love all and my regrets  
Becky Knapp  
Niece daughter of Jane Knapp



Becky Knapp - April 17, 2020 at 08:57 AM

JF

“ May you rest in peace James. Prayers are with the family in their  
time of need. I will always remember the times we all got together at  
Aunt Vera's when we were able to make it out to Rapid City. James  
will be missed.

joann funk - April 16, 2020 at 06:47 PM

DO

“ David ODea sent a virtual gift in memory of  
James O'Dea



David ODea - April 14, 2020 at 03:44 PM

RL

*Wonderful, Hard working neighbor, always friendly, the neighboring corn field (to our land) always had marginal corn till Jim bought / farmed it, a little fertilizer really "woke up" that field! RIP Jim Roger and Sandy Lonnstrom*

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**Roger Lonnstrom** - April 21, 2020 at 03:48 PM