



James "Jim" Lee Horner

April 20, 1940 - June 6, 2021

1940-2021

James "Jim" Lee Horner, age 81, was born in LaPorte, IN. His family later moved to Albuquerque, NM, where Jim graduated Sandia High School. It was during his teen years when Jim developed a passion for racing and found his second home at Speedway Park. He raced a variety of cars and became well known in the Modified division. When Jim wasn't at the tracks or building cars, he followed in his father's footsteps working as a mechanic and greatly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He loved to laugh and had the biggest heart. Jim consistently put the happiness and wellbeing of others above his own, earning him the nickname Gentleman Jim. He was a dedicated husband to his wife, Gail, of 37 years with whom he raised six children, was involved in many church functions and cared for numerous foster children. His enthusiasm for racing and mechanical work was instilled in his children and grandchildren. Jim is preceded in death by parents Charles and Esther Horner and brother, Jack Horner. He is survived by wife, Gail Horner; children, AJ (Brandy) Horner, William (Natalie) Gray, Melissa Frank, Staci Hindi, Anita (Glen) Kegler, Scott (Ana) Horner; grandchildren, grandchildren Katie (Derrick) Ortega, Zac Self, Samantha Gray, Cody Self, Collin (Erin) Horner, Alexandria Self, Daniel (Hannah) Frank, Alayna Frank, Thomas Frank, Carson Horner and Michael Frank and great granddaughter, Aubree Horner.

The family requests donations to be made to UC Davis Mind Institute in honor of Jim. Services are as follows; Visitation, Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:30-11:30 AM; Celebration of Life at 11:30 AM, immediately followed by a luncheon. All services located at New Life Fellowship Church, 1928 Fellowship Way, Belen NM 87002. Please sign Jim's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **16**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

New Life Fellowship
601 Christopher Dr
Belen, NM 87002

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Deepest condolences to Jim's Family for their loss. I worked with Jim for several years back in the 80's, and what a character he was. Always funny, always good to me, and a good man! Gods Speed my Friend.*

Danny Dominguez

Danny Dominguez - June 16, 2021 at 05:48 PM

RP

“ *" enjoyed the time I spent with Jim ,He was always funny and entertaining,He was truely a gentelman and a man of integrity. we will miss and his jokes. Irene and Thom*

Robert Reeder Pa - June 16, 2021 at 12:05 PM

LG

“ *I feel so privileged to have spent time with Jim and Gail this past year. He always had a smile or joke even when he wasn't feeling his best. His positive attitude was infectious. He will be missed. Much Love Lisa*

Lisa Green - June 16, 2021 at 10:50 AM

JW

“ *Jerry Lazzari and Jenifer Wittman purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of James "Jim" Lee Horner.*



Jerry Lazzari and Jenifer Wittman - June 15, 2021 at 01:42 PM

JJ

“ Jim was always such a blessing to my husband and I. His smiling face, willingness to do whatever was asked, and great sense of humor brightened many days. And I especially enjoyed the many opportunities we had to give each other a hard time and laugh about it continually. He was a genuine man of integrity and will be missed. May God bless and hold up his family during this time of loss. And we celebrate with you as he spends eternity with our Lord.

Jolee Joos - June 15, 2021 at 10:35 AM

BD

“ Jim - What a wonderful happy man. It was great knowing Jim for so long and always having his presence at Speedway Park. I recently had the pleasure of sitting with him and AJ at the races and so enjoyed his company. I would like to send the condolences of the Demaree family for your loss.
Belinda Demaree

Belinda Demaree - June 14, 2021 at 06:15 PM

JH

“ Joseph Lazzari & Jill Harshberger purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of James "Jim" Lee Horner.



Joseph Lazzari & Jill Harshberger - June 14, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Horner.



June 14, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Horner.



June 11, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *I am so grateful I had the opportunity to meet Jim, as well as spend some holidays with him and Gail. One of my favorite memories is the speech he gave at Natalie and Bill's wedding. I knew he was special and meant a lot to his family within the first few moments of meeting him. Thoughts and prayers for all of you!*

April Taylor - June 11, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ *Deborah Baca lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Lee Horner*



Deborah Baca - June 11, 2021 at 09:22 AM

DB

Gail & Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I enjoyed working with Jim with the many Red Cross projects we worked on. He was always there to help. Gail take care of yourself. Love, Deborah S. Baca

Deborah Baca - June 11, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Lee Horner.*



June 11, 2021 at 08:34 AM

LB

“ *Lola And Larry Binfield lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Lee Horner*



Lola and Larry Binfield - June 11, 2021 at 12:32 AM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Lee Horner*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - June 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *My uncle, was an awesome man. Love you uncle Jim. Jenn.*



Jennifer - June 08, 2021 at 05:35 PM

KZ

“ *Having heard this morning at the passing of Jim, I would like to express my condolences to Gail and the rest of their family...Jim was a man who would make others smile and feel good about themselves...Two memories I want to share about Jim and Gail... the first was when just after Patti passed and Gail would assist in bringing the meals to our home... Jim greeted me at the door and on this occasion had green chili enchiladas... I invited him and Gail in and due to a prior commitment they couldn't... we laughed when I told him how rude it was when he couldn't eat the meal they brought...that was funny... the second was when I was in the process of moving to Az, Jim and Gail would sit in the corner of Sunday school where I had what i thought was my spot... I told him the chair hadn't had a chance to cool off and he was in it...A fun loving guy that would give you the shirt off his back... Jim will be sadly missed... in Christian love, Ken Ziegler*

Ken Ziegler - June 08, 2021 at 12:45 PM