



## James "Jim" Ingwerson

January 4, 1947 - November 12, 2021

James Lee "Jim" Ingwerson passed away Friday, November 12, 2021, after a long fearless battle with heart disease. The family expresses their deepest gratitude to the many medical care staff, family, and friends that supported him throughout this journey.

Jim was born January 4, 1947, in Humboldt Nebraska. He was the first child of Harold and Betty Hatch Ingwerson. Jim and Rose "Mary" Coonce were united in marriage May 31, 1969. She was at his side when God gently called him home. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal" – Irish headstone. Jim was a member of St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in Topeka, Kansas.

Jim grew up in the community of Bern, Kansas where he graduated from high school then attended Highland Community College and Washburn University. Jim and Mary lived and worked in the Topeka area. He retired in 2009 after 40+ years in the Information Technology field. His work afforded him close contact with IT staff and clients throughout all the United States, many of whom became what Jim regarded as close family members. Over the years Jim was a member of several community organizations and served as a board member for Visit Topeka.

Jim absolutely loved his family. He was both a protector and prankster to his

sister. He relished close family time with his parents. He took every opportunity to spend time with his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He looked forward to hosting family reunions. He lived for the farm, cattle, farm auctions and of course the livestock auctions. He enjoyed playing cards, shooting pool, and sports. He was an ardent sports and scholastic supporter of his son and son's schoolmates, many of whom considered him another "dad". He enjoyed participating in the Rossville booster club and reminisced about helping hang the banner on the grain elevators for the football team. He attended countless events for his grandchildren. Over the past couple of years, it was great-granddaughter Josie that stole his heart. She graciously pushed him around in his wheelchair, waited on him, and she definitely entertained him.

With their careers in the IT field and the turning of the century behind them, Jim and Mary set out on a "not so ordinary" new adventure. Jim always credited Mary with the idea, however, that wasn't completely true. With the assistance of their son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, family and friends, they started a lavender farm. This resulted in Jim becoming a member of Visit Topeka. Jim enjoyed the grandchildren working with him at the local farmers markets and hosting open houses and large bus tours at the farm.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mary; mother, Betty; son, Gene (Kristin) Ingwerson; granddaughter, Ashley Ingwerson; grandsons, Austin Ingwerson and Jarrett Ingwerson; great-granddaughter, Josie; sister, Theresa (Ron) Wetzell; siblings-in-law, Robert (Janet) Coonce and Renee (Matt) Kimpston; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, great-grandnephews, cousins and friends. Jim was preceded in death by his father Harold G Ingwerson and his father-in-law Robert E Coonce Sr.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 17th, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Funeral

service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, November 18th, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 901 SW Fillmore, Topeka KS 66606. Graveside service will be 1:30 p.m. in Bern Cemetery, O Road, Bern KS 66408.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the family, to be designated at a later date, and sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bern Cemetery

O Road  
Bern, KS 66408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home  
2801 SW Urish Road  
Topeka, KS 66614  
(785) 272-7888  
[info@kevinbrennanfamily.com](mailto:info@kevinbrennanfamily.com)

## Funeral Service

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
901 SW Fillmore  
Topeka, KS 66606

## Graveside Service

NOV 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

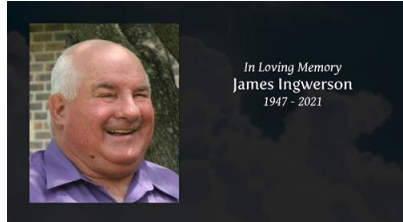
Bern Cemetery  
O Road  
Bern, KS 66408



# Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Jim" Ingwerson*



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**Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home** - November 16, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ *James "Jim" Ingwerson*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *As a new immigrant from India in 1971 and started working at Kansas Department of Transportation in June 1973 and onwards. I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Jim as my colleague and mentor. He taught me the basic of computing, playing poker, having fun with friends, He is what a call a friend. I loved him and respected him, I am sure he will be in peace with the blessing of the the Almighty. May his family be sure that he will be a favorite up there.*

*Harish Agarwal*

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**Harish Agarwal** - November 22, 2021 at 01:16 PM

MR

“ *Mary and Gene,  
Your video says so much about his love of family. You certainly caught the twinkle of his eyes and his smile...both were always present! Will never forget all the good times we shared. We pray your sweet memories will help you through these tough days.  
Melanie and Don*

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**Melanie Rowlison** - November 20, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ingwerson.*



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November 17, 2021 at 01:57 PM

AM

“ *Rose- His earthly body had just worn down and couldn't tame that wild spirit any longer! He will be so dearly missed- no matter how bad he felt he was always so kind and patient. I pray you find some kind of peace in your new life without him here. And--- I want to make sure you know that he was the luckiest man alive because you loved, advocated, nursed, physical therapied, wound dressed, ect him with such gentleness. We would all be blessed to have someone love us like you loved and took care of him. Kisses and hugs, Amy Greenfield*

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**Amy** - November 17, 2021 at 01:01 PM

MK

“ *The video of Jim's life was lovely. Condolences for your loss. May the good memories bring great comfort to his family and friends.*

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**Mia Kelley** - November 17, 2021 at 11:31 AM

JO

“ I had the good fortune to meet Jim when he enrolled in one of my Compute Science classes at Washburn. Although we never worked for the same agency I was had the opportunity to work with Jim on several of the Department of Labors most important IT projects. As the mileage on both of our odometers increased we found ourselves all to frequent concurrent guests of Rebound Physical Therapy. Jim was always delight to be around, you are missed my friend. Rest in Peace

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**John Oliver** - November 16, 2021 at 04:44 PM

EG

“ Ellen Feldman-Elliott/Gary Elliott Gang purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James "Jim" Ingwerson.



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**Ellen Feldman-Elliott/Gary Elliott Gang** - November 16, 2021 at 07:54 AM

KI

“ Great memories as a young boy looking up to cousin Jim. I remember spending a nite with Jim & Mary, up early to sort and load hogs for sale barn, only to turn around and return home due to ice storm!  
I so admired Jim's 'toughness' too, seemed so indestructible to me!  
One of the 'good ones', Rest in Peace!  
Kevin Ingwerson

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**Kevin Ingwerson** - November 15, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ingwerson.*



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November 15, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss Mary. I have a lot of great memories of Jim....playing volleyball..outings with you both. He will be missed.*

*Shauna*

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**Shauna Hadden** - November 15, 2021 at 09:06 AM



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



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November 14, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Ingwerson.*



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November 13, 2021 at 06:07 PM