

James William Eastman



James Eastman, 93, of Battle Lake, MN, died Friday, November 13, 2020 at the Broen Home in Fergus Falls, MN.

James William Eastman was born February 23, 1927 at Staples, MN to James and Henrietta Eastman. He grew up in the Staples, MN area and graduated from Staples High School in 1945. He was baptized on March 20, 1983 at the Lord of Love Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE.

Jim married Donna Sautbine in 1951 and was divorced in 1969. He served in the US Army from 1952-1954. He married Elizabeth Kludt on December 22, 1969. Jim worked in the trucking business for many years. He opened a Mack Truck dealership in Sioux Falls, SD in 1978 and was there until his retirement in 1988. Jim and Liz permanently located in Battle Lake in 1988 when he retired from the

trucking business. After his retirement he spent 20 years working for Ottertail County at the Battle Lake Transfer Station.

Jim was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and had 45 years of continuous sobriety. He loved his friends in the program and worked with many people over his years of sobriety.

Jim is survived by his children; Pat Hansen of Valley City, ND; Barb Olson of Sioux Falls, SD; Bruce Eastman of Cottonwood, AZ; and Scott (Cari) Eastman of Sioux Falls, SD; Cindy (Doug) Schnabel of Woodbury, MN; and Tim (Maria) Kludt of Corona, CA; He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and many special friends from the Friday Night Big Book Group.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Freddie Ann and his wife Elizabeth.

A memorial service will be held at a later date due to the pandemic. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be given to the Fergus Falls Cancer Center or the Lakeland Hospice. Interment will be held in Poplar at a later date.