James "Jim" Norby was born on March 20, 1945 in Watford City, ND, the son of Lyle and Verna (Priester) Norby. He grew up and attended school in Watford City. He graduated from Watford City High School in 1964. He then enlisted in the US Army until being honorably discharged in 1968. On February 21, 1969 he married Joyce Merry in Dell Rapids, SD. The couple made their home in Dell Rapids where their first son, Bryon was born. He operated Jim's Highway Service until 1973 when they moved to North Dakota. While in North Dakota, Jim went to work in the oil fields. The couple's second son, Ken was born in 1977. In 1999, Jim semi-retired and the couple moved to Dell Rapids, SD.

Jim was a member of Ignite Church and the Dell Rapids American Legion.

He enjoyed working on small engines, he learned to upholster, doing carpentry work and doing jig saw puzzles.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, and his sister, Linda.

Jim is survived by his wife, Joyce of Dell Rapids, sons, Bryon (Jana) Norby of Sioux Falls and Ken Norby of Lennox; his granddaughter, Kiah; his sister, Barbara Frye of Minot, ND and his half brothers, Arnold (Dana) Swenson of Watford City, ND and Vernon (Timi) Swenson of Williston, ND.



In Memory of

James "Jim" Norby

Born -March 20, 1945 ~ Died - January 22, 2022

Memorial Service

Kahler-Brende Funeral Home Dell Rapids, South Dakota Thursday, January 27, 2022 ~ 1:00 p.m.

ClergyPastor Melissa Fletcher

Honorary Casketbearers Irvin Merry Keith Merry Bob Muri Earl Merry