



Gary "Jim" Lynn ONeal

December 19, 1941 - August 5, 2023

Gary (Jim) Lynn ONeal, 81 a lifelong resident of Fredonia, died Saturday, August 5, 2023. He was.

born December 19, 1941, in Neodesha, KS to Carl and Edna ONeal.

Jim was a 1960 graduate of Fredonia High School and went on to attend Wichita Technical School. He put the skills he learned to use as he served his country while in the army. He served a tour in Vietnam from January of 1966 to October of 1967 and worked in communications repairing radios.

Jim worked for Lester Stryker on the ranch north of town before moving on to Del Rey in Fredonia building campers, where he worked for several years. Jim joined his parents and brother Jerry and sister-in-law Susie when they purchased their own land to farm and raise cattle. Farm life filled his days, but he did begin working at Fredonia Sale Barn part-time. Eventually, Jim retired and worked exclusively on the family farm.

Besides working with his family, Jim had several other passions. He loved owning and driving some of the best sports cars of the 1970's and 80's including a Silver Anniversary Trans Am that his nephew drove to prom in 1982 and a Ford Thunderbird before finally moving on to a truck. Right along with his love of a nice car was his love of music. His collection included artists ranging from the Rolling Stones, Neil Diamond, Salt and Pepa, to Patsy Cline.

One of his favorite ways to spend time with the family was attending basketball games at Hutchinson Community College then going to the Big Eight Tournament in Kansas City. It would be remiss to not mention his rabid devotion to Kansas University basketball and the Kansas City Chiefs. His support was loud and a test to his arm chair's quality!

Jim loved celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks. He began the family tradition when he ordered the very first fireworks via a catalog, and that tradition continued every year until local sellers set up tents. Jim was always good for a nice donation towards the cause. The last few years he no longer lit the fireworks himself, but he was always right in the middle of the stack deciding which one was going to be next and adding commentary on how well the "show" was going.

Jim's survivors include his brother Jack (Elaine) Oneal of Seattle, sister-in-law

Susie Oneal,
nephews Terry Oneal and Chad (Tosha) Oneal, nieces Sheri (Edward) Moya,
and Kelly Oneal,
niece-in-law Lori Oneal, great nieces and nephews Lindsey Ramos-Freitas,
Zachary Moya,
Brenna Moya, Connor Oneal, Brayden Oneal, and Ashton Oneal.
He was preceded in death by his parents, aunt Emma Klassen, brother Jerry
Oneal, and nephew
Ryan Oneal.

A visitation will be held on Friday, August 11, 2023, from 5-7 PM at
Countryside Funeral Home in Fredonia. A private graveside service will be
held at Fredonia City Cemetery at a later date. Memorials have been
suggested to the Fredonia Flag Fund or the Avenue of Flags and may be left
with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral
Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Cemetery Details

Fredonia Cemetery

Fredonia, KS 66736

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia
420 S. 20th St.
P.O. Box 247
Fredonia, KS 66736
(620) 378-2882

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary "Jim" Lynn ONeal.*



August 10, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a 1960 classmate of mine. Please know your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God's Spirit comfort you during the days which follow.*
Dewayne and Harriet (Purdy) Powell

Dewayne Powell - August 09, 2023 at 01:43 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary "Jim" Lynn ONeal.*



August 09, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gary "Jim" Lynn ONeal.*

August 09, 2023 at 12:30 PM

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“ *Many years ago we were neighbors of the Oneal's and they were fine neighbors--Rodger Shinn*

Rodger Shinn - August 08, 2023 at 08:18 AM

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We will sure miss seeing him each time we drive by his farm. He was always working outside or mowing his yards.

Orrin & Loretta Odell - August 09, 2023 at 10:34 AM

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Jim and Jerry were my “country cousins”. We had lots of fun filled days as barefoot kids running on the old place on the hill. Years have gone by but I’ll always remember Jim’s face and laugh

Peggy Quarles - August 10, 2023 at 11:18 AM