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Pastor Randy Ellendorf

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Marlis Doud- Pianist  
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Jim loved to embellish on his rough and rowdy ways of growing up on Bad River and in the pool halls and card rooms of Capa with epic tales for his family. He graduated from Midland High School in 1955. After attending Huron College for two years, he graduated from Black Hills State with a teaching degree. He used this degree to help educate numerous students at Midland High School through the early 1970’s. He taught whatever class needed a teacher, coached sports, directed plays, and was a class advisor. He took very seriously the role of disseminating knowledge to and guiding (influencing) the lives of his students. His role of ‘teacher’ did not stop after his students graduated as he continued to be interested in their lives forever.

James was united in marriage to Janice D. Madsen in Midland on June 8, 1958. After they were married, they lived in Rapid City where Janice taught grade school while Jim finished college. To this union two children were born: Kim and Kory. Besides teaching, Jim helped his father in law, Harvey Madsen, on his ranch. After Harvey retired, Jim took over the role of managing the ranch. He undertook several water development and soil conservation projects. He took the role very seriously of caring for and improving the land and livestock. Jim liked researching and planning the various tasks as it appealed to his analytical and intellectual nature.

He stayed active in several community activities and interests by serving on several boards including the alumni association, church board, and the fire district. He led the family in cutting and delivering of many cords of firewood from Wall to Pierre. Declining health and mobility in later years necessitated the move to long term care facilities first in Pierre and then for the last couple years in Philip.

James is survived by his wife Janice, formally of Midland now residing at the Philip Nursing Home; one daughter Kim of Pierre and Midland; son Kory and his wife Robin of Midland and their children Kruse, Sage and Bailey of Midland; several cousins, nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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someone special to be a dad.*

*Our father didn't tell us how to live; he lived,  
and let us watch him do it.*

*Our father gave us the greatest gift anyone  
Could give another person, he believed in us.*

Sonnet 71

*"If you read this line, remember not  
The hand that writ it, for I love you so  
That I in your sweet thoughts would be forgot  
If thinking on me then should make you woe."*

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