

## James Stessman, 56

Nov. 16, 1942 - Aug. 11, 1999

**OMAHA** - James John Stessman was born Nov. 16, 1942, to Lawrence and Marie (Wilwerding) Stessman at Earling. One year later his father died. Four years later Marie married an uncle, Adolph Stessman, who later adopted Jim as his own son. Jim was later joined by five sisters. He was raised in Earling, and graduated from St. Joseph in 1960. He attended Rockhurst College in Kansas City, MO, for two years. He then entered the insurance field, where he remained for the next 30 years.

Jim first married in 1966, and from this union came his children, Chris and Michelle of Denver, CO and Tim, of Omaha.

Nov. 12, 1998, he married Kate Maguire. For 20 years he resided in Omaha, where he died Aug. 11, 1999, at age 56.

He was preceded in death by his fathers, Lawrence Stessman and Adolph Stessman, and his mother, Marie Stessman. He is survived by his wife, Kate of Omaha; his children, Chris Stessman and Michelle Stessman, both of Denver, CO; and Tim Stessman, Omaha; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna (Phil) Trierweiler, Earling; Sally (Dick) Serp. Millard, NE; Connie (Jan) Szlachetka, Knoxville; Patricia (Tom) Zorn, Omaha; JoAnn (Roger) Christensen, Harlan; nieces and nephews; uncles and aunts and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 14, 1999, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Earling, with Msgr. Gerald Stessman officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Earling. Honorary casket bearers were Richard Klein, Ray Wilwerding, Francis Borman, Gary Wilwerding, Charles Stessman and Rich Koeppen. Casket bearers were Chris Stessman, Tom Zorn, Tim Stessman, Roger Christensen, Phil Trierweiler and Jan Szlachetka. Heafey-Heafey-Hoffman Funeral Home, West Center Chapel, Omaha, in charge of arrangements.

