



James "Bear" G. Nalezinek

April 27, 1944 - April 1, 2015

James "Jim" or "Bear" Nalezinek, age 70 of Fort Collins, CO died April 1, 2015. Cremation has been completed and a private gathering will be held to celebrate his life.

Jim was born in Vancouver, Washington on April 27, 1944 to John and Mary Nalezinek. He grew up in Wahoo, Nebraska and married Lana Eickmeyer on April 27, 1977 in Omaha. They have lived the past 37 years in Fort Collins. He owned and operated Carpet Express for many years in Fort Collins and was also co-owner with his wife, of Backyard Antiques in Wellington, CO.

Bear, as he was known by most of his friends, was an Auxiliary Member of the VFW Post #1781 in Fort Collins. He was also a member of Loyal Order of Moose, Loveland Lodge #484 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Wahoo, NE. He enjoyed time with friends at each of the organizations and had a love for antiques

Jim is survived by his wife, Lana Nalezinek; two daughters, Jill Nalezinek Carlisle and Jamey Nalezinek, both of Thornton, CO; two sisters, Dorothy (and Gerald) Selden and Theresa Thoms, both of Nebraska; and four grandchildren, Parker, Leila, Reagan and Peyton. He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Nalezinek, twin siblings, Janet and Jerry and his daughter, Karen Mraz in January of 2012.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association in honor of Jim Nalezinek. Please send to the Denver American Heart Associations address: 1777 S. Harrison Street Suite 500 Denver, CO 80210

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Bear" G. Nalezinek*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Lana, Jill, Jamey*

*Extending deep and
heartfelt sympathy
to you and your family.*

Dave and Margaret Novacek

Dave Novacek - April 11, 2015 at 04:32 PM



“ *Uncle Jim we will miss you, but so many great memories will always
be with us. Thoughts and prayers for all the family.*

Kris Thoms - April 07, 2015 at 09:27 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

Gary Ullman - April 06, 2015 at 04:56 PM



“ *We will all miss Bear! There will be one empty chair at the Tack
Room in memory of Jim. He was always smiling when you walked in
and always greeting everyone. He was a great friend to all. Rest In
Peace my friend until we all meet again!*

Denise Morgan - April 06, 2015 at 03:49 PM

LM

“ Lana,
So sorry for your loss! Keeping you and your family in our prayers at this most difficult time.

Larry & Shirley Martin - April 06, 2015 at 03:15 PM

CM

“ Chrissy McCollom lit a candle in memory of
James "Bear" G. Nalezinek



Chrissy McCollom - April 06, 2015 at 11:19 AM

LD

“ Bear was one of the most caring and giving people I knew. Willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. Always had a bright smile on his face. His smile was even brighter when he spoke of his family. Boy he loved his grand kids....

I will miss seeing your smile Bear. May your family have peace in your wonderful memories.

Leah Diana - April 06, 2015 at 08:51 AM

TL

“ I had such a great time getting together with you and Lana to "go bowling" in Ft Collins! Good friends, crazy stories and 'bowling' - Life was good! You will be missed by many! My prayers are with the family during this time...you will all be together, as HE says, "in the blink of an eye"

Terri Leniton - April 05, 2015 at 02:05 PM

HG

“ *For many years he was a very good friend, sorry for your loss. Will miss him dearly.*

Harold and Gina Santistevan

Harold and Gina - April 05, 2015 at 01:23 PM

JH

“ *Dear Lana and Family:*

My thoughts and deepest sympathy to all of you. Nozy (Bear) was a true friend to everyone. We went to Wahoo Public School together and remained friends ever since.

Let all your precious memories help you through the very difficult days.

Nozy was welcomed with opened arms in heaven by Edie, Judy, Tom and all of his other friends. May he Rest In Peace.

Jan Hohl - April 05, 2015 at 09:09 AM