

James “Jim” Allen Runge was born on July 20, 1950, in Eagle Bend, Minnesota to Clifford and Bernice (Johnson) Runge. He attended and graduated in 1968 from Harlem High School in Rockford, IL. Jim then attended Rock Valley Community College where he earned his degree in plumbing.

Jim married Carolyn Ward on August 22, 1969 and the couple was blessed with three children: Troy, Kim, and Jessica. He worked a variety of jobs, working with his brother, Merle, plumbing in Hoffman, the Pipefitters Union, Dairy Equipment Sales, owning R & R Dairy Equipment, and starting Jim Runge Plumbing and Heating. Jim was a hard worker and continued running his business until the time of his passing.

Jim enjoyed going to car shows, restoring cars, collecting Coca Cola memorabilia, antique shopping, and visiting with family and friends. His greatest joy was being a devoted husband, dad, and grandpa.

Jim died on Friday, September 18, 2020, at his home in Alexandria at the age of 70. He is survived by his wife: Carolyn Runge; three children: Troy (Patricia) Runge, Kim (Scott) Schoen, and Jessica Colgrove; seven grandchildren: Cole, Mitch, Shaun, Griffin, Dylan Runge, Amiyah and Nyland Colgrove; four siblings: Merle (Shirley) Runge, Jerry (Carol) Runge, Deborah (Richard) Shouler, and Bradley (Nancy) Runge; sister-in-law: Karen Runge; and brother-in-law: Randy Kneprath.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister: Bonnie Kneprath; brother: Randy Runge; nephew: Scott Runge; and son-in-law: Travis Colgrove.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My Life's been full, I savored much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Memory of

James “Jim” Allen Runge

July 20, 1950 †
September 18, 2020

Funeral Service
New Life Christian
Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, September 25,
2020, 10:30 AM



Officiant

Minister Jeremy Snyder

Musician

Sue Ronning

Casket Bearers

Cole Runge	Griffin Runge
Mitch Runge	Dylan Runge
Shaun Runge	Nyland Runge

Interment

Hudson Cemetery
Hudson Township, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home - Alexandria, Minnesota