

# Black, James “Jim” Russell

August 5, 2025



## **JAMES (JIM) RUSSELL BLACK**

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of James “Jim” Russell Black on Thursday, July 31st, 2025, at the age of 82 years.

Born in Moose Jaw, SK on October 8th, 1942, Jim lived a life on his terms right till the end.

Jim worked many caretaker jobs over the years including the Post Office, Castle Wines, and the Catholic School Division. Jim met and married Elizabeth Klepsch and together they had one child, Penny.

Jim always had a passion for cars from a young age, which led him and Liz to many years racing stock cars, smashing cars in demolition derbies, and abruptly ending his Flagman’s career in 1980 when he was hit by a car while flagging from the track. In later years, Jim and Liz loved playing cribbage at the Legion

every week.

Jim always had a soft spot for all animals, whether it be his pampered chickens and pea hens when they were on their acreage, or his dog Laddy. But his best four-legged friend right to the end was Bob, his cat. Together they shared a deep love of A&W burgers – double buddy burger, a patty for Jim and a patty for Bob.

Jim's gruff exterior, sarcastic sense of humor, and constant teasing left a mark on anyone who met him.

He was predeceased by his wife, Liz; parents, Russ and Lillian; and his great friends, Bob Nelson and Ray Robinson. Jim is survived by his only child, Penny (Shaun) King; cherished grandsons, Grayson and Conor; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Kurt and Carol Klepsch; and his friend for many years, Fred Douglas.

**As per Jim's wishes, a private family interment will be held at a later date beside Liz in the family plot.** In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's name may be made to The Moose Jaw Humane Society, Box 1658 Station Main, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 7K7, where they adopted Bob. Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Andrew Pratt, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

1.



**Stuart Anderson** on August 5, 2025 at 5:29 pm

Aw sorry to learn of this.  
I knew Jim for many years.  
Raced stock cars and drank beer.  
He was one of the good guys.

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2.



**Sheila** on August 5, 2025 at 7:18 pm

My heartfelt condolences to Jim's family. I've had the pleasure to know Jim from Superstore where I work and he shopped frequently.

Sleep well my friend I will miss our chats.

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3.



**Ron Olson** on August 5, 2025 at 9:04 pm

Rest in peace old buddy. From the time we worked together in 64 at Great west auto through the hot rods and stock car days, I 've always considered you one of my best friends. Shared many of our stories with others over the years through ab bc & sk. You were truly one of a kind Jim. Give Liz a hug for me. You are greatly missed but left us with many incredible memories. sincere condolences Penny from Kathy & Ron Olson

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4.



**Shirley Tillie** on August 6, 2025 at 6:50 am

I worked with Blackie at Vanier School years ago. He loved his wife and animals. Always a fair and hard worker. He will be missed.

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5.



**Brenda Colenutt** on August 6, 2025 at 10:14 am

So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing our thoughts and prayers for the family. He was a valued member of the stock car club and stories of him and his flagging are still told today.

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**Gary Hender** on August 6, 2025 at 12:11 pm

My condolences for the passing of Jim, he was a good friend of my stepdad Ray Robinson. May their spirits find each other and continue on with their friendship, RIP Jim.

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