



Harold W. Nielsen

May 21, 1942 - November 22, 2021

NORFOLK -- Celebration of life for Harold Walter Nielsen (Trooper II), 79, Norfolk, will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel, Norfolk. Rev. Lee Weander will be officiating the service. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date at the Park Center Cemetery, Elgin, Nebraska. Visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:30 am, Saturday, preceding the Celebration of Life service. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post #16 and V.F.W. Post #1644, Norfolk, Nebraska, American Legion Riders, United States Air Force Honor Guard, and the Nebraska State Troopers Honor Guard. He died Monday, November 22, 2021 at Faith Regional Hospital, Norfolk, after a lengthy illness. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Harold Walter Nielsen was born at home May 21, 1942 to Harold S. and Helen (Bolling) Nielsen at rural Elgin. He attended a small country school (Needmore) south of Neligh from 1st grade to 8th grade. He graduated from Neligh High School in 1958. In 1960 he enlisted in the Air Force, serving in Lackland Air Base, and then in the land of Fire and Ice (Iceland). He served as a refueler there and returned to Clinton Sherman Air Base, Clinton, Oklahoma. He met and married Lorena Lax and they had 2 daughters, Connie Mae and Kellie Ann, born in Oklahoma.

They moved to Norfolk, Nebraska in 1964, where Harold joined the Nebraska State Patrol Troop B of Norfolk. Two more daughters, Karen Leigh and Candance Jean, were born here. He and Lorena divorced in late 70s. While on the Nebraska State Patrol, Harold served as a training officer, S.W.A.T. team leader for 15 years, and range officer for 23 years. He drove just shy of one million miles in these surrounding counties until his retirement in 1993.

In 1980 he married Carol Schenk in Los Angeles, California. They lived in Norfolk where they started Nielsen Horse Training and later built a training facility in 1990 south of Norfolk. After his retirement from the Nebraska State Patrol he worked for the Battle Creek Police Department.

In 2001 he joined the Madison County Sheriff's office as a deputy and transport officer, transferring and picking up offenders all over the United States for Madison County. He had transported over 9,000 offenders in his career of 17 years. He enjoyed telling stories to his "captive audience".

Harold loved to hunt, target shoot, and show his 2 reining horses, Sam and Mito. He truly loved his family and wished he had spent more time with his 4 lovely daughters and their families. Harold served his country, his state, and his county.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, and his four daughters, Connie (Gary) Walkup, Las Vegas; Kellie Ellis, Garland, Tx.; Karen Nielsen, Norfolk, NE., Candi Nielsen, Bonaire, Georgia, 8 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, sister Darlene (John) Duprey of Sioux Falls, S.D., brother Edward (Gloria) Nielsen of Norfolk, 4 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Diane (infant sister who died at a young age.)

The family requests that memorials be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at <http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com>.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:30AM

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DEC **Celebration of Life** 11:30AM

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Comments



“ Michael Bowersox lit a candle in memory of Harold W. Nielsen



Michael Bowersox - December 10, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Harold W. Nielsen.



December 06, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harold W. Nielsen.



December 03, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ I have many good memories of my time working as a dispatcher for the Nebraska State Patrol from 1966 until 1969. I spent many days riding with Harold after my shift was completed. Harold and I also spent many days zeroing in high power rifles on the rifle range, reloading ammunition, and hunting. We did a lot of calling coyotes in the Butte, Ne area with a rabbit squeal call, Harold used a reed from a duck call between his teeth to simulate the sounds of an injured rabbit; we had a lot of laughs over some of the outcomes. Harold played a significant role with me meeting my wife. We were both in the wedding party of Harold's sister and were introduced at a small engagement party at Harold's house, and as they say the rest is history; Carol Walkenhorst Bauer and I have now been married for 50 years. Harold was a groomsman for me at our wedding in 1971. My sympathy goes out to the entire Nielsen family. Rest in Peace my friend.

Glenn Bauer - December 02, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ The Madison County Sheriff's Office purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harold W. Nielsen.



The Madison County Sheriff's Office - November 29, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ As a dispatcher in Norfolk from 1970 to 1980 and having the same days off as Harold I spent many days riding with Harold while he was on duty or off. will be missed

marv whitehead

Marvin Whitehead - November 29, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ As a dispatcher for the Nebraska State Patrol in 1971 and working Norfolk at least 1 day a week, it was always good to see Harold and all the other troopers there. Rode many times with Harold after work. Great guy.

Ric - November 28, 2021 at 04:09 PM



“ Great man.
Sorry to hear Harold passed away.
Sincere Regrets to the family.
Tc Snyder

Tc Snyder - November 27, 2021 at 11:03 PM



“ My condolences to Harold's family.
Pat Dufek Hoppman, a Neligh HS classmate

pat dufek hoppman - November 25, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ "Harold, one great friend, May God Bless you til we meet again." Grew up neighbors to Harold between Elgin and Neligh. We both went to Neligh High School and were friends way back then. Have always Kept in Touch with each other through the years. We both were on the Nebraska Stat Patrol, Harold in Norfolk and myself in Columbus. Both went on the State Patrol SWAT team together. We both retired and Harold invited me to his 50 years in Law enforcement after he retired from Madison County Sherriff Department. We have kept in touch through the years and would meet up until 3-4 weeks ago. I would go to Norfolk to meet Harold or he would come to Columbus, and meet and talk and tell each other what was going on. One sad day when I got the message, Harold passed. God Bless you Great Friend, we will meet again one day.

Roger Wolfe - November 24, 2021 at 04:59 PM