



## Bryant "Steve" Brauer

May 2, 1947 - September 9, 2015

NORFOLK -- Funeral services for Bryant "Steve" Brauer, 68, of Norfolk will be 10:30 AM Monday, September 14, 2015 at Grace by Faith Lutheran Church in Norfolk, located at 1200 N. 13th St. Burial will be in the New Lutheran Cemetery with the Rev. Wyatt Rosebrock officiating. Steve passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, NE. Visitation will be Sunday, September 13, from 4-7 PM at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Military rites will be by American Legion Post 16, VFW Post 1644 and the United States Air Force Honor Guard. Bryant Steven Brauer was born on May 2, 1947 in Norfolk, NE. He was the first of eight children born to Richard and Charlene (Dyer) Brauer. Steve was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Naper, NE. He attended grade school at District 86 near Stuart, NE. Steve graduated in 1965 from Martin Luther High School in New Ulm, Minnesota where he played football. He attended Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota for one year before he entered into the United States Air Force. Steve served in the Air Force from January 1967 to January 1971. He took part in supplying munitions to various military air craft including the F4 fighter jet. He was stationed in Korea during the Pueblo incident, Japan, and in Thailand during the Vietnam War. While in Thailand he met and married Kwanta Watcharakoop. After returning home from the Air Force, Steve worked on the family ranch in Western Nebraska. He was later injured in a farm accident and lost his right arm. Despite the accident he never complained and

managed to participate in activities most wouldn't. Many may remember him pitching for the church softball team, fishing, or even driving a stick shift. He then sold insurance before going to work for his father as manager of the Golden Sun Feed Store in Norfolk. Together, Steve and Kay had four children. They were later divorced.

Steve married Debra (Grimm) Kleensang in Norfolk on June 22, 1991. Through this union they had one daughter. For the next 24 years they made their home in Norfolk raising their seven children together. Steve attended Northeast Community College before graduating from Wayne State College with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Management. While attending school he worked at the Norfolk Livestock Market. For the past 15 years Steve was employed as a sales associate by Courtesy Ford-Lincoln in Norfolk. He was well liked by his customers.

Steve was a loyal and dedicated husband, father, and grandfather and was passionate and firm in his belief in God. He was an active member in the church and choir at Grace by Faith. Steve will be remembered by the love he had for his Savior, and how he worked to instill that same love in his children. He also supported Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School and its values of teaching a Christ centered life. He always put faith and family first and loved being around his grandchildren. He always kept busy by attending every important event in his children's lives.

Steve is survived by his wife Debra Brauer of Norfolk; and children, Michael Brauer of Norfolk; Justin (Leslie) Brauer of Omaha; Josh (Parvina) Kleensang of Omaha; Kurt (Ginger) Brauer of Omaha; Stephanie (Adam) Ahlmann of Norfolk; Angela Kleensang of Omaha; Kalyne Brauer of Omaha, mother Charlene Brauer of Norfolk, siblings Tom (Sandy) Brauer of Naper, NE, Pat (Glen) Frickel of Sidney, NE, Richard (Marilyn) Brauer of Norfolk, Linda (Tom) Mundorf of Springview, NE, Judy (Don) Schubauer of Valentine, NE, Charla (Grant) Buldhaupt of Ankeny, IA, Margrete (Joel) Dirksen of Mason City, IA, eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Brauer.

Organist will be Jean Ellenberger. Congregational hymns will be "Be Still, My Soul" 651, "I'm But A Stranger Here" 660, and "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" 201, "Chief Of Sinners Though I Be" 342.

Casket bearers will be nephews Rich Brauer, Brian Brauer, James Brauer, Brad Mundorf, Kristopher Buldhaupt, Nathan Schubauer, Daniel Dirksen, and Mark Frickel

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## New Lutheran Cemetery

12th Street Maple Ave  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Service

SEP **14.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace By Faith Lutheran Church - Norfolk  
1200 N. 13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bryant "Steve" Brauer*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Dear Debra, Daughters and Sons of Beloved, Steve, My lingering memory of Steve while we were in high school was his incredible quiet yet kind and caring nature. He would strive to do well in classes, but even at that time, I could tell he yearned to study something meaningful that had tangible significance. Reading his story; especially educational pursuits, ultimately fit him well in that significance.*

*You each in your manner have said, Farewell, for now. Steve knew even as a teen, to Whom he belonged. Jesus greeted him with arms opened just days ago. We serve an Awesome God, Steve knew that deeply in his heart. Your loss of him from your presence, bittersweet. Speak of him often; he'd like that! His voice, smile, demeanor linger; treasure those memories as well as the truth of his being renewed with his Savior. He awaits each of you, in God's time. Be there; he'll be looking for you. Patty Lind (Lindemann)*

**Patty Lind - Class of 1965** - September 14, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ *Very shocked and saddened to see this in the paper. Steve was our "sales" go-to guy at the Ford dealership. He really did everything he could to make our experience a good one. He was so nice and so friendly and we will miss seeing him there. Had the chance to meet a son who used to deliver Schwann's to us and we thoroughly enjoyed his humor. Sending our sympathies....until we see Steve again.*

*Darin and Kellie Koepke, Hadar, NE*

**Darin & Kelli Koepke** - September 14, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bryant "Steve" Brauer.*



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September 13, 2015 at 01:07 PM



“ *Mary and I EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES---our lives began about the same time with children but we were parallel rather than close but always aware of your existence--it all went too fast--- Roger Berge*

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**roger berge** - September 13, 2015 at 10:12 AM




“ *Lisa (Petznick) Housler and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bryant "Steve" Brauer.*



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**Lisa (Petznick) Housler and Family** - September 13, 2015 at 01:22 AM

 Debbie Hanly

“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful husband Steve. I remember you talking about him alot at work when we worked together at Sherwood Medical now Covidian. I know Steve took a piece of your heart when he passed away, but remember you will once again be together in our heavenly kingdom. May god bless you and your family and give comfort to your broken heart. Steve still lives in Heaven I believe this and is waiting for the day when you will be joined again in god's Heavenly Kingdom.

*Debbie Knopf/Hanly*

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**Debbie Hanly** - September 12, 2015 at 10:36 PM

PM

“ I have thought often of my very first classmate in kindergarten those many years ago. I remember the fun and the good times we had playing at school in the old barn and the great times of Dad and Dick teaching us to ride the horses and do the events with them. Our neighborhood was very close and really relied on each other for so many things. Steve was kind and always was there to help if we needed it. I loved riding in the old black power wagon and going across to big hill. Memories were made that will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace, dear friend.

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**Pat (Newman) McLain** - September 12, 2015 at 08:21 PM

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“ Our prayers are with all of you. Love, Tim and Mary David

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**mary david** - September 12, 2015 at 07:06 PM

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“ *May you all find peace in the memories you hold close to your heart of Steve.*

*Keith and Carol Rasmussen*



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**carol rasmussen** - September 11, 2015 at 07:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bryant "Steve" Brauer.*



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September 11, 2015 at 01:03 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bryant "Steve" Brauer.*



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September 11, 2015 at 09:37 AM