



## Dale J. Groninger

March 27, 1962 - March 28, 2025

NORFOLK—Funeral service for Dale J. Groninger, 63 of North Platte formerly of Norfolk, will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 10:30AM at Stonacek Funeral Chapel, Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Pastor Terry Buol. Interment will be held at Best Cemetery, rural Norfolk. Visitation will be held on Thursday, from 4-7PM at Stonacek Funeral Chapel, Norfolk. Dale passed away on Friday, March 28, 2025 at his residence in North Platte. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Dale was born on March 27, 1962 in Norfolk, NE to Fred Jr. and Joan (Hynek) Groninger. Dale was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Battle Creek and Confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wisner. He attended and graduated from Wisner Pilger High School in 1980. After high school Dale moved out west to work as a ranch hand. He worked for the O'Keif Ranch in Valentine for 15 years. Dale enjoyed taking his dog for a walk, making ropes, working on his pickup, and breaking horses in his younger years.

Dale is survived by his son John (Jolene) Schmitz of Columbus, 3 grandchildren Jasper Schmitz, Lauren (Tony) Keyes, Garrett Schmitz, one great-granddaughter Kelsey Keyes, parents Fred Jr. and Joan Groninger of Wisner, siblings Lynn (Ron) Kramer of North Platte, Jerry Groninger of Clearwater, Freddie Groninger of Columbus, and many nieces and nephews. Dale was preceded in death by his grandparents Fred Sr. and Ruth Groninger,

George and Edna Hynek. Casket bearers will be Jasper Schmitz, Robert Prauner, Jeff Hitz, Brian Hitz, Darin Ehlers, and Justin Groninger. Honorary casket bearers will be Richard Gummus, Randal Gummus, Scott Reynolds, Garrett Schmitz, and James Groninger.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Best Cemetery - Norfolk

84301 550th Ave  
Norfolk  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com  
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## Funeral Service

APR 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *When I met Dale, he had the most beautiful dog named Christmas and I know how much she will miss him. Ron and Lynn had a family reunion and I had the pleasure of dancing with Dale. He was a gentleman and we all had an amazing time. Rest in peace Dale you will be missed very much.*

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**Jill Dombrowski** - April 02, 2025 at 10:35 AM