



## Elmer H. Saltz

December 1, 1937 - September 20, 2023

NORFOLK – Memorial service for Elmer H. Saltz, 85, of Norfolk will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at the First United Methodist Church in Norfolk. Pastor Neil Gately will be officiating the service. Inurnment will be held at a later date at the McCoy Cemetery, rural Meadow Grove. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service on Tuesday also at the church. Elmer passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at the Columbus Community Hospital in Columbus. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Elmer was born at Brunswick, NE to Norman and Augusta (Johnson) Saltz on Dec. 1, 1937. He lived with his family at rural Plainview before moving to a ranch at Page, when Elmer was in the 8th grade. He graduated from Page High School in 1955, went to summer school and began teaching at age 17. He continued his education at UNL and Wayne State College, receiving his BSE degree from Wayne. While teaching and attending college classes at UNL he boxed in the Golden Gloves, was a member of the Army National Guard for 7 years and received his honorable discharge in 1964. While attending Wayne State he completed several hours of pilot training and did his solo flight there.

While attending WSC he met his wife, Barbara Fuelberth, and they were married on August 17, 1963 at First Congregational Church in Hartington

following their graduation. They both taught in Las Vegas, NV; Elmer for 2 years and Barbara for 1 year. Their first son, Gordon was born in Las Vegas. Elmer continued his education and received his MNS from USD at Vermillion in 1970. He taught science at Plainview High School and was then hired by Norfolk Public Schools as Math and Science teacher at the Sr. High School in 1967. His second son, Mark, was born at Plainview.

Elmer retired from NPS in 1993 and then taught science at Norfolk Catholic High School for 3 years. He then went to Northeast Community College and became an adjunct teacher of math for another 3 years and retired after 35 years of teaching. He lived in Norfolk with his family for 10 years and then moved to an acreage near Norfolk and lived there until his death. His first love was his family followed by teaching. He spent much time each summer ranching, working with his tractors, and doing considerable reading. Elmer worked hard to be sure his students were working to their fullest potential.

Elmer is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara, son Gordon (Jackie) of Blair, and son Mark (Sheila) of Columbus; granddaughters Shelby (Zach) Czarnick, Lydia Saltz, grandsons Dalton Saltz and Nicholas Saltz, also 2 great-granddaughters, Analeis and Emma Lou Czarnick, brother Harlan (Kay) Saltz of Oklahoma, nieces, nephews, and sister-in-law Glenda Saltz. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Lois Sehi, and brother Duane. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **26.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Norfolk  
406 West Phillip Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
<http://www.norfolkumc.org/>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elmer H. Saltz*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *I had Mr. Saltz my senior year at Norfolk High School (class of 1981). I wasn't much of a student in class, but he taught me more important things than physics [sorry Mr. Saltz :) ]. Do your best... always. Own your faults, especially your screw-ups and no excuses. Respect Old Glory.*

*Sorry to see him go, but we're better because of him. I'm better because of him. Thank you for that push, Mr. Saltz.*

**Jim Rohrich** - October 02, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *Sending prayers to Mr. Saltz's family. He was a wonderful teacher. I had no idea he had such an interesting life. They need more teachers like him.*

**Kelly Anderson-Pawaskar** - September 27, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Elmer H. Saltz.*



September 25, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elmer H. Saltz.

September 25, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elmer H. Saltz.



September 25, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ I learned of Mr. Saltz's passing yesterday, and I wanted to say how absolutely impactful and kind he was to myself, and many others at Norfolk Catholic High School the brief time he taught there. I had learned very little in Physics with other teachers, and he brought it to LIFE , so much so, that it became my favorite subject at Iowa State University! I remember writing him a hand written "thank you" for the impact he made in my life; he's the only High School teacher I ever wrote to for his excellent teaching. I am honored to write this, celebrate his life, send my love and prayers to his family and close friends, and am very grateful to have known him. I also am beaming reading his interesting life in his younger years; of COURSE he was a gold glove boxer and pilot, what an interesting man and well lived life! All my love and blessings to all from Seattle, WA and thank you Mr. Saltz for your kindness as a teacher.

Chris Bloomquist - September 23, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Elmer H. Saltz.*



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September 23, 2023 at 10:25 AM



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September 23, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Where do I begin a tribute to someone who literally impacted your life so positively. He was so kind and patient. I am who I am because of Elmer. I graduated highschool with no math of any kind. Because I had enough credits they passed me. When I enrolled in the pre radiology program, I was denied due to the lack of math education. I met Elmer at the Northeast Community Tutoring lab. He was amazing helping put everything into perspective like a light bulb turning on and shining the way through. I learned to love math and kept going with Elmer's help. Elmer took me from beginning algebra to Calculus III. I am now the Director of Radiology and I credit Elmer for my career. I was so happy I got to say my final goodbye in person and left him a card of my appreciation. You will be dearly missed & thank you my friend for all you've done for me and my family. Sincerely Kay Carstens*

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**Kay Carstens** - September 20, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ *A teacher I will never forget*

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**L Hast** - September 20, 2023 at 01:19 PM