



Francis R. Leathers

July 3, 1945 - August 6, 2021

NORFOLK -- Memorial service for Francis R. Leathers, 76, of Norfolk will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Rev. Terry Buol. Private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post #16, V.F.W. Post #1644, American Legion Riders, and the United States Army Honors Guard. Francis died on Friday, August 6, 2021 at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk.

Francis was born on July 3, 1945, at home near Neligh to Colette (Hoffmann) Dederman and Harold Leathers. Francis later became the step-son of Dillard Dederman. He grew up in Pierce. He attended school in Pierce before leaving in High School to help on the family farm. He served in the U.S. Army and Vietnam. After his discharge, he moved to the Norfolk area. He worked at Battle Creek CO-OP before beginning his career with Vulcraft. His adventurous lifestyle led him to work in Jackson Hole Wyoming for several years where he continued his love for the outdoors before returning to Norfolk and retiring from Vulcraft. He married Margaret (Luebe). To this union sons Tom and Tim were born. He later married Patricia (Marquardt) Washburn. To this union daughter Tonja was born. He enjoyed being an outdoorsman, was a jack of all trades, loved attending auctions, and telling one of his many exciting hunting stories. Of all of his wild adventures in life, his most precious was time spent with family.

Survivors include his son, Tom (Maureen) Leathers of Meadow Grove and their daughters, Emily (Danny), Andrea, and Alyssa (Colin); son Tim (significant other, Emily) Leathers of Tilden and his daughters Justine (Andy) and Taylor (fiancé, Mike); and his daughter Tonja (Aaron) Taylor of Plattsmouth and their children Tyler (Anna), Leah (Eric), Dillon, Caitlin (Emmit) and Emma. Francis was also blessed with 14 great-grand children. Surviving siblings are John (Gayle) Leathers of Iowa, Vicki (Jim) Anderson of Missouri, Dean (Kristi) Dederman of Norfolk; sister-in-law Sharon Leathers of Illinois, brother Ted (Gayla) Leathers of Omaha and sister Leslie Fox of Omaha. He is also survived by an uncle, many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Margaret and his brother, James Leathers.

Memorials can be sent to Tom & Maureen Leathers, 54024 840 Rd, Meadow Grove , NE 68752.

Dad's wishes were that everyone dress casual for the service.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 11. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis R. Leathers*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - August 10, 2021 at 01:48 PM



“ *Francis R. Leathers*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Sending our sincere sympathy, thoughts, and prayers to Francis's family.
May all the wonderful memories you have bring you comfort, peace, and joy!
God's Blessings to you all!*

Bob & Suzanne Buckendahl

Suzanne Buckendahl - August 11, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ 11 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



This five generation photo features baby Zavanira Leath-Williams, who is being held by her mother, Andrea Leath-Williams.



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - August 10, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss, you are all in my prayers.

Philip Hester - August 10, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ 165 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - August 10, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Francis R. Leathers.*



August 10, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *Kevin and Michelle Carey purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Francis R. Leathers.*



Kevin and Michelle Carey - August 10, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of your loss. He was a very special friend and he will be missed.*

*My Deepest Sympathy,
Sandra Jo Thrasher*

Sandra Jo Thrasher - August 09, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Francis R. Leathers.*



August 08, 2021 at 06:03 PM

DH

“ *I have a lot of fond memories of Francis when I was growing up he will be sadly missed. Know that you're in our thoughts and prayers in this difficult time. Our love and prayers*
Dominic and Dori

Dominic Hoffmann - August 08, 2021 at 10:32 AM