



## Gale S. Starkey

September 19, 1948 - November 24, 2020

OAKDALE -- A Celebration of life service for Gale Stewart Starkey, 72, of Oakdale will be held at 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 4, 2020 at the American Legion Post 172 in Neligh with Tim Springer officiating. Graveside service with military rites will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4, at the Oakdale Cemetery, Oakdale, NE. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post 172 of Neligh. Gale passed away Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at the Countryside Home in Madison. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Gale was born on September 19, 1948 in Spalding, Nebraska to Carl and Gwen (Peterson) Starkey. He attended grade school in Spalding, Central City, and Mount Downing. He then attended junior high in Tacoma, Washington and graduated from Central City High School. On August 16, 1968, he married Patricia Diane Brainard in Stuart, NE and they were blessed with four children during their time together Ron, Amy, Russ, and Rob.

Gale served in the United States Army. He proudly served his country in Vietnam and achieved the rank of Sergeant. He was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Following an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he went on to enjoy many years of driving truck until he retired. After retiring, Gale moved to Oakdale to be closer to his children and grandchildren. He loved spending time with his family, going fishing, and taking his grandchildren for rides on his

4-wheeler.

Survivors include his loving children Ron (Becky) Starkey of Oakdale, Amy Kleider of Tilden, Russ Starkey and fiancé Becky Preister of Oakdale, Rob (Corrie) Starkey of Neligh, grandchildren Heather, Anthony, Vanessa, Kayleigh, Karissa, Kristopher, Jade, Austin, Harley, Tony, Mersades, Skylar, and Sophie, eight great-grandchildren, brothers Ben (Linda) Starkey of Waverly, Jim (Marllys) Starkey of Beatrice, sisters Regina (Don) Seamann of Norfolk, Mary (Tim) Margritz of Clermont, FL, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Gale was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Gwen, and his brother Scott.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gale S. Starkey*

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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gale S. Starkey.*



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“ *Don & Regina Seamann sent a virtual gift in memory of Gale S. Starkey*



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