



Gaylen E. Bierschenk

January 15, 1948 - November 18, 2020

RANDOLPH -- Funeral service for Gaylen E. Bierschenk, 72, of Randolph will be held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, November 23, 2020 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Pastor Trudy Powell officiating the service. Interment will take place at Randolph City Cemetery, rural Randolph. Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Sunday, also at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page. Due to Covid, the family requests that face masks be worn for the visitation and service. Military rites will be conducted in the funeral home parking lot by the American Legion Post 16, V.F.W. Post 1644, and the United States Air Force Honors Guard. Gaylen died at home surrounded by family on Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Gaylen Edward Bierschenk was born Jan. 15, 1948, in Randolph to Alfred "Short" Carl and Lorraine Mae (Hokamp) Bierschenk. He was baptized March 14, 1945, and confirmed in May 1962, both at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1966 and then served in the U.S. Air Force from Nov. 8, 1966, to Nov. 6, 1970. He earned an associate degree in auto mechanics at Northeast Community College in 1973. He married Jean Huwaldt on May 15, 1971, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. The couple lived in Pierce. They then moved to Norfolk for 14 years. Gaylen worked at Coca-Cola in Norfolk. Gaylen then worked for Dale Electronics for 24 years. The family moved to Randolph in June 1988. Gaylen later on worked at Helena Chemical and Porter Construction when he retired

in 2013.

Gaylen enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, the family cow/calf operation, John Deere tractors, socializing, playing horse shoes and target shooting. Gaylen loved hunting, especially deer hunting with his family and friends over the years.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph and American Legion Post 16 and was a life member of VFW Post 1644.

Survivors include his spouse, Jean (Huwaldt) Bierschenk of Randolph; a daughter, Wendi (Blacey) Bennett of Pierce; five grandchildren, Seth, Grace, Keenan, Casen and Kinley; and sisters Kathy Snodgrass of Norfolk and Marsha (Jim) Louthan of Stanton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Lorraine; a son, Shawn; his sisters, Colleen Weber and Cindy Goeschel-Pospisil; and brothers-in-law Lowell Weber, Bob Goeschel, Larry Pospisil and Bob Snodgrass.

The service will be streamed live on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page.

Recorded hymns will be "On Eagle's Wings," "When I Get To Where I'm Going" and "Go Rest High On the Mountain." Casketbearers will be Seth Valverde, Keenan Valverde, Dustin Louthan, Allan Louthan, Jake Goeschel and J.J. Snodgrass.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Randolph City Cemetery

Randolph, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Gaylen E. Bierschenk*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - November 21, 2020 at 02:57 PM

KS

I will always remember coming to your home with a special group of children and it made their day. So sorry for your loss. Kathie and Dave Sovereign.

Kathie Sovereign - November 22, 2020 at 08:15 PM



“ *Gaylen E. Bierschenk*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gaylen E. Bierschenk.*



November 22, 2020 at 06:46 PM

LJ

“ *LaJean Jensen, Roger Jensen, Tiffany and Jared. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gaylen E. Bierschenk.*



LaJean Jensen, Roger Jensen, Tiffany and Jared. -
November 22, 2020 at 02:34 PM

KE

“ *Have known Gaylen since we were freshman in high school. Always a good friend to me.
We played hooky from school in the spring of 1966 and we went to Norfolk to enlist in the armed forces. He went Air Force and I went to the Navy. He was a friend to all.*
Ken Eberhardt

Ken Eberhardt - November 22, 2020 at 06:35 AM



“ *In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in was purchased for the family of Gaylen E. Bierschenk.*



November 21, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in was purchased for the family of Gaylen E. Bierschenk.*



November 21, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gaylen E. Bierschenk.*



November 21, 2020 at 06:45 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Gaylen E. Bierschenk.*



November 21, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ *151 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - November 21, 2020 at 02:53 PM

SS

“ Jean,
God's peace be with you and your family.

Sandy (Lorenz) Schlechte

Sandy Schlechte - November 21, 2020 at 07:56 AM

RS

“ Russ and Marsha Schwartz purchased the Ghirar
delli Galore for the family of Gaylen E.
Bierschenk.



Russ and Marsha Schwartz - November 21, 2020 at 05:17 AM

RS

“ Russ And Marsha Schwartz sent a virtual gift in
memory of Gaylen E. Bierschenk



Russ and Marsha Schwartz - November 21, 2020 at 05:02 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of
Gaylen E. Bierschenk.



November 21, 2020 at 04:58 AM

RS

“ Russ And Marsha Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Gaylen E. Bierschenk



Russ and Marsha Schwartz - November 21, 2020 at 04:48 AM

Janice Beauvais

“ I remember Gaylen coming to all the NPS Thursday lunches. As Jean's husband, he had usually 6 women To lunch with too. HE WAS ALWAYS A HAPPY PERSON. May you RIP and Blessings to Jean,Wendi,Blacey and the rest of your family. Jan Beauvais

Janice Beauvais - November 20, 2020 at 10:47 PM

LW

“ I met Gaylen while working at the Magnet Bar and I always enjoyed talking with him when he would stop in. Will surely miss him. My thought and prayers go out to his family.

Laura wasilk - November 20, 2020 at 08:30 PM

JR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jean and all your family. Gene seemed to always have a smile for all he meet and a was a friend to many...Our sympathy. Mike & Jodi Rader

Jodi Rader - November 20, 2020 at 03:20 PM

PS

“ My heart and prayers go out to you Jean and the whole family. Paul and Cheryl Van Slyke

Paul M Van Slyke - November 20, 2020 at 12:17 PM

JH

“ Jean, so sorry to hear of your loss of Gaylen. Prayers & hugs!!

Jim & Marilyn Hope - November 20, 2020 at 09:12 AM