



## John C. Greer

July 26, 1948 - September 28, 2017

NORFOLK -- Celebration of Life service for John C. Greer, 69, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk with Father Scott Schilmoeller officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk.

Military rites will be provided by the American Legion Post 16, V.F.W. Post 1644, both of Norfolk, Nebraska American Legion Riders, and the United States Air Force.

John died Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

John C. Greer, age 69, passed away peacefully with family at his side Thursday, September 28th at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk, Nebraska. He now walks with Jesus in the Kingdom of Heaven. Raised by his parents in Des Moines, Iowa, Cline and Helen Greer, John was born July 26, 1948 in Fresno, California. John graduated from Des Moines Roosevelt High School in 1967. He went to Centerville Community College and later graduated from Drake University in 1978 with a Bachelor's in education and ultimately received his Masters from Wayne State College.

John married Janet (Warner) Greer in September 1969, and he served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1973 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. John moved back to Des Moines, Iowa after an honorable discharge and worked various

jobs including Skeffington's Formal Wear and Banker's Life Insurance. He moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, working for Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company and going to school at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minnesota. Moving back to Iowa, John was a teacher, guidance counselor, and coach in Logan, Iowa; Clarkson, Battle Creek, and Clearwater, Nebraska. He served as Acolyte Master at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Des Moines, Iowa and was a member of Kiwanis. After retirement, he worked part-time as a substitute teacher at Battle Creek High School. John enjoyed fishing, teaching government and history, and coaching athletics. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his sons and grandchildren.

John loved to watch all high school and college sports; pro baseball and football. He also enjoyed fishing trips to Lake Vermilion, Minnesota, travel to Minneapolis for Twins games and to Des Moines, Iowa to visit family and friends.

Preceding John in death were his parents, his brothers, David Collins and Dan Gardner, and his father-in-law Clement Warner.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Greer of Norfolk; his sons: John Greer of Norfolk, Nebraska; Chris Greer of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Jason Greer (Sarah) of Bloomington, Indiana; grandchildren, Ashley, Lillian, and Zachary; and his brothers, Joe Greer (Beth) of Leawood, Kansas; and Frank Gardner of Fairfax, Missouri.

The education of youths was important to him and he has requested in lieu of flowers, donations to Clearwater High School, Battle Creek High School, and/or Norfolk Catholic (The Fund for NC) be made in memorial to him.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **6.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Service

OCT **7.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Norfolk  
2300 Madison Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Tribute Wall



“ *John C. Greer*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Our sympathy and prayers to the Greer family. He was a great influence on me as a high school student and athlete. He pushed us to be the best and when we would succeed, no matter if it was a small step, he was proud. He taught me that hard work paid off. He took a freshman who didn't know wrestling from 1 win his freshman year to winning tournaments his senior year. That's all coaching there. I'm so lucky my son even got to have him as a teacher. He has touched many lives in a positive way. He will be missed by all who met him. In remembrance of him we are donating to the Battle Creek Scholarship Foundation.*

*Bob Heller family*

**Bob Heller** - October 12, 2017 at 08:53 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of John C. Greer.*



October 06, 2017 at 04:03 AM

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“ Our sympathy to the Greer family, John coached our son Brett in sports at Battle Creek High School, good coach...

*Barry &. Kay Ponton*

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**Barry Ponton** - October 03, 2017 at 07:12 PM

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“ John was a SUPERB government teacher and I always remember him and smile. I still tell my daughter stories about his classes and lectures teaching us all about the democratic process. I am so terribly sorry to hear of his passing, he was a special man for sure! He helped me in so many ways and I will always think of him and smile. He made us work, but also made us think:) You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
-Cari Harder-Hoffart



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**Cari Harder-Hoffart** - October 03, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John C. Greer.



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October 01, 2017 at 02:46 PM

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“ John, your mother used to have Jeannie Patrice and me (Linda Patrice) babysit for you and Joe when they went out to an event. Of course, we also stayed overnight and had so much fun. You boys were so good and never caused any problems at all.

*And next I know, you are all grown up with a lovely wife, a beautiful family, and so many people who love you and it seems you have helped over the years.*

*Jeannie and I were again together with your mother in her last few weeks. It was such an honour to be with my sister Helen during those days. I miss her very much.*

*I am very proud of you and the caring man you became, and I know your mother was proud of you as well. Rest in peace now and watch over those of us who are still here.*

*Love, Aunt Linda (Patrice) Suchy*

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**Linda (Patrice) Suchy** - October 01, 2017 at 07:54 AM