



Richard L. Cruise

March 4, 1942 - March 29, 2020

NORFOLK -- Limited visitation for Richard L. Cruise, 78, of Norfolk will be held 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, April 3, 2020 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. In compliance with COVID-19 restrictions set by the CDC there will be a strict enforcement of 10 people allowed inside the facility at one time and they may need to wait outside. A Celebration of Life for Richard will take place at a later date at Stonacek Funeral Chapel. Private family graveside service will be held at the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Richard L. Cruise was born March 4, 1942, at St. Edward to Roy and Viola (Thompson) Cruise. He attended grade school in St. Edward and graduated from St. Edward High School at age 17 in 1959. After graduation, Richard applied in June 1959 for a job with N.P.P.S. (now N.P.P.D) as a grounds man, and he lived in St. Edward and later Columbus. He married Janice Recek on March 18, 1967, in Columbus at Janice's parents' home. After marriage, Richard and Janice lived in Columbus. He later became an apprentice lineman, then a journey lineman. In 1972, he was promoted to foreman and the family moved to Norfolk for his job. He later became lead line technician when he retired full time on May 31, 2000. Richard then went back to work as a temp and worked part time as an inspector from January 12, 2007, until Aug.15, 2019. He enjoyed fishing, boating on the river and raising their special dog, Sophie. Whenever his children needed help with anything, he was proud to help. Survivors include his spouse of 53 years, Janice Cruise of Norfolk;

children Kelli (Megan) Cruise of Binghamton, N.Y., Kathi (Randy) Munkvold of Viborg, S.D., Tracey Cruise of Coffee Springs, Ala., Lisa (Mike) "Shorty" Johnson of Norfolk, Tammy (Alan) Warneke of Battle Creek; seven grandchildren, Jennifer, Tyler, Jessica, Chanelle, Janelle, Tony and Ricki; 16 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Sally and Chris Krzycki of Columbus; and brother-in-law Paul Newcombe of Fairfax, Va. He was preceded in death by son Steven Cruise; parents Roy and Viola Cruise; parents-in-law Joseph and Harriet "Sal" Recek; brother Don Cruise; sister Kathryn Newcombe; and sister-in-law Patty Cruise. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L. Cruise*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time. With our deepest sympathy. Jay and Sandy Ditter*

jay & Sandy Ditter - April 03, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ *Jan and family--
Our sympathies on the loss of your loved one. May the happy memories live on in your hearts. God bless and keep you in His care. Mike and Linda Taege*

mike&Linda Taege - April 03, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ *Will never forget that he would lend me tools to cut down all the bushes at the house on 16th street. You were great back yard neighbors! Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Kevin and Jeannie Starkel*

jeannie starkel - April 02, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Janice and Family,
I just read about Dick passing and want you to know you have my sympathy. I haven't seen you for a long time but will always remember our fun times in Columbus. God Bless
Arlys Wehrer*

Arlys Wehrer - April 02, 2020 at 10:33 AM

CF

“ Prayers and thoughts for all of you guys! May He Rest In Peace.

Cindy Fry - April 02, 2020 at 09:56 AM

BC

“ Richard was my supervisor at NPPD, he was one of the fairest, honest, hard working men I ever worked beside. He led by example and well deserved the respect of anyone who knew him. The world was a better place with him around, he leaves a huge void behind. Rest in peace my friend, you have earned your place in Paradise.
Bob Coble

Bob Coble - April 01, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. Cruise.



April 01, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard L. Cruise.



April 01, 2020 at 11:41 AM

RM

“ *Russell Muller lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Cruise*



russell Muller - March 31, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard L. Cruise.*



March 31, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L. Cruise.*



March 31, 2020 at 11:19 AM

TB

“ *Tim Brunswick lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Cruise*



Tim Brunswick - March 31, 2020 at 10:15 AM

SD

“ Lisa. So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Shelley and Dave

shelley dahl - March 30, 2020 at 10:18 PM

NH

“ Thinking of you Jan during this difficult time! Sending prayers to you and your family 🙏🙏

Nancy Hammer - March 30, 2020 at 08:46 PM

JS

“ Julie Smalley lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Cruise



Julie Smalley - March 30, 2020 at 01:02 PM

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“ Jill Kassen (Smalley) lit a candle in memory of Richard L. Cruise



Jill Kassen (Smalley) - March 30, 2020 at 12:55 PM