

Rick E. Klassen

September 16, 1954 - August 18, 2023

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Rick E. Klassen, 68, of Norfolk will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at Northern Heights Baptist Church, rural Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Pastor Matt Gilmore. Burial will take place at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Evergreen Cemetery in St. Edward, NE. There will be a luncheon to follow burial at the St. Edward Christian Community Church Parish Hall. Visitation will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Monday, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel, Norfolk. Rick passed away, with family by his side, on Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Rick was born on September 16, 1954 on the Barksdale Airforce Base in Shreveport, LA to Raymond and Anna Marie "Amy" (Jacobson) Klassen. He attended Country School District # 47 rural St. Edward, graduating from St. Edward High School in 1972. Rick loved farming and nothing made him happier than being in the field on his IH 806 tractor. He had a passion for the land and enjoyed seeing a new crop emerge each year. Rick loved football, especially watching the Cornhuskers, everything came to a stop on game day so he could watch them play. Rick loved fishing with friends, watching western shows, listening to music, and eating sweets that his sister would make him.

Rick moved to Norfolk in 1997 and worked at Prenger's for 16 years. Rick married Elinor "Ellie" Tompkins on June 20, 2009. Rick had the personality

and charisma to make friends no matter the situation. His laugh was infectious. Rick was a guy with simple tastes of jeans, Husker t-shirts, and camo sweatshirts. Rick was a great guy whose impact will be forever felt by his family that loves him dearly. His passing has left an unfillable gap in the hearts of his loved ones. His ability to support, forgive, and love will be forever engrained in all he knew. Rick had a strong faith in his Lord Jesus Christ and was a member of Northern Heights Baptist Church in Norfolk.

Rick, a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and brother is survived by his wife Ellie Tompkins-Klassen of Norfolk, children Heath Klassen of Lincoln, Scott Klassen of Lincoln, Brittany Klassen of Grand Island, 3 grandchildren Lily, Kaiden, and Jordan, sisters Annette Klassen (Doug Kunzman) of Lincoln, Mary Jo (Darin) Fay of Sioux City, IA, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Rick was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Anna Marie "Amy", and brother Michael.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Liberty Centre in Norfolk. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

St. Edward, NE 68660

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 5:00 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/>

Funeral Service

AUG 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Northern Heights Baptist Church - Norfolk
3000 Harvest View Dr.
Norfolk, NE 68701
<http://northernheightsbc.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Rick E. Klassen*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - August 21, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ *troy morton lit a candle in memory of Rick Klassen*



troy morton - February 05 at 08:53 PM



“ *Rick was a kind and noble soul. I remember me and troy Morton running Fortnite trios with him.*

kashan kirk - January 29 at 02:02 PM



“ *Rick E. Klassen*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

TG

“ So sorry for your loss Ellie! My prayers are with you for comfort & peace. We need to catch up!! Love, Trudy Geiger



Trudy Geiger - August 22, 2023 at 05:29 PM

TM

“ My deepest sympathies Ellie. Prayers for you and your family. —
Tammy Myers

Tamela Myers - August 21, 2023 at 10:48 PM



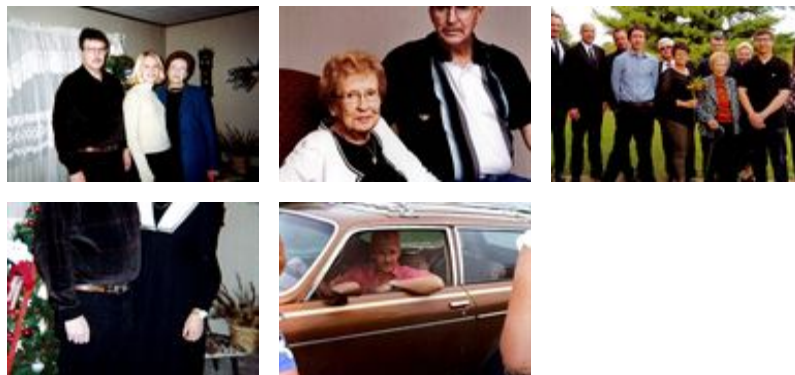
“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Rick E. Klassen.



August 21, 2023 at 05:47 PM



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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rick E. Klassen.* ”



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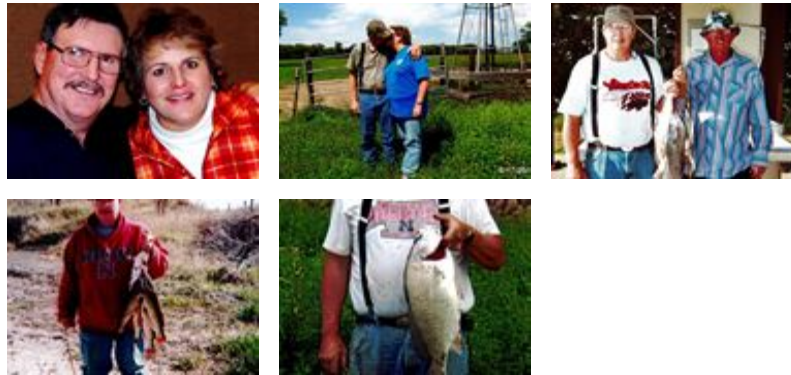


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Stonacek Funeral Chapel - August 21, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rick E. Klassen.* ”



August 21, 2023 at 11:15 AM

LM

“ Rick has a wonderful and kind spirit. He loves Ellie completely. One of those truly good people! We will miss him. Jim & Laurie

laurie millard - August 21, 2023 at 09:10 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rick E. Klassen.



August 20, 2023 at 05:45 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rick E. Klassen.



August 19, 2023 at 10:15 PM

SF

“ Rick was a very good high school friend. We played football together and he was a good, tough player. An aside, nobody could back up a tractor and 4 wheel grain wagon better than him on that IH806. We shared a lot of laughs through high school. He will be missed! May God bless Rick and family. Steve & Cindy Flaherty

Steve Flaherty - August 19, 2023 at 10:13 PM

KN

“ Rick was such a great guy and my dad's favorite nephew. He was a kind man with a gentle nature and smile. I send my sympathy to Annette and Mary Jo and his wife and children. Kathy Jacobson
Nathan

Kenneth Nathan - August 19, 2023 at 09:41 PM