



Rodney L. Degner

September 18, 2024

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Rodney L. Degner, 86, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 23, 2024 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Pastor Ben Sosa will be officiating the service. Following the funeral luncheon, burial will be held at the Crown Hill Cemetery, rural Madison. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m., prior to the service on Monday at Stonacek Funeral Chapel. Rodney passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at the Arbor Care Centers - Countryside Nursing Home in Madison. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Rodney was born on May 10, 1938 in Norfolk, Nebraska to Leslie Albert and Edna Lavera (Klein) Degner. He attended grade school in Norfolk and graduated from West Point High School. He then attended Concordia Seminary. Rodney has lived in Norfolk most of his life and he restored and repaired pipe organs. Rodney was a true follower of the Lord and he preached in Le Mars, IA and Madison. He enjoyed collecting brass, candle sticks, reading the bible, and listening to organ music, especially Bach.

Survivors include his siblings Leslie Jr. (Sue) Degner of Fifty Lakes, Minn., JoAnne Kruse of Norfolk, Caroline (Roger) Schnebel of Madison; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Leslie and Edna Degner, sister Kathleen and brother-in-law Pete Biehle, brother Scott Degner, infant sister Judy Degner, and brother-in-law Virgil Kruse.

Pianist will be Steve Reinke. Casket bearers will be Bruce Krause, Kent Biehle, Joel Biehle, Jon Schnebel, Randel Schnebel, Tim Reeves, Paul Randels, and Shane Weidner. Honorary casket bearers will be Andrew Degner, Chris Pfeifer, and Josh Mrsny. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

rural Madison, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 23. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Funeral Service

SEP 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FO

“ Today is December 21, 2025, and I just learned about Rodney's passing. It is very sad. I got to know him when I was pastor at St. Leonard's Church in Madison. His faith was strong and his words of encouragement boundless. He played the organ marvelously and showed a real care for people. In his later years, he and I talked by phone when I was in Colombia. My condolences to the family. Fr. Paul Kasun, OSB

Fr. Paul Kasun, OSB - December 21, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MO

“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of Rodney. He was a friendly man who was always polite to us and our children! We remember fondly the time he came to our home to tune our piano! Dearly, Merlin and Ruth Oswald

Merlin Keith Oswald - September 21, 2024 at 01:45 PM

TR

“ Rodney was always interesting. As a kid I looked forward to him stopping be our house for a couple days and visiting the surrounding churches and checking out their organs. He always took me along. As an adult I enjoyed every visit I had with him and the conversations we had. I will always remember him and I feel privileged to call him my cousin. Rest in Peace Cous.... tom rahl

Tom Rahl - September 21, 2024 at 12:33 AM

MD

“ I shouldn't have favorites at my job, but Rodney was one of mine. We had many chats and I'll never forget being a superhero with him. I'm sorry he never got to play Chopsticks with me like we'd talked about, but am so glad he's not hurting anymore.

Megan Demoney - September 19, 2024 at 06:39 PM