



Rodney G. Zwygart

April 11, 1952 - November 15, 2015

NORFOLK – Funeral Services for Rodney G. Zwygart, age 63, of rural Norfolk, Nebraska will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce with interment at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. Officiant will be the Rev. Gordon Bruce and Vicar Nathan Abel. Visitation will be held 4:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, Nov. 23 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Rod passed away Sunday, November 15, 2015 in Antelope County as a result of an automobile accident.

Rod and Marilyn were returning from a weekend in Berthold, North Dakota in which they took their two friends, Randy Meyer and Robert Meyer, to attend a 90th birthday party of Robert's brother. The highlight of this trip was the drive to Wibaux, Montana for a steak supper at Shamrocks Steakhouse. The accident, that took place after dark on highway 20 just west of Royal, was caused to Black Angus cattle on the highway.

Rod was born April 11, 1952 in Pender to John Zwygart and Mae (Essmann) Zwygart Kidwell. He attended Bancroft schools and graduated high school in 1970 as Valedictorian of his class. He then attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln and earned a degree in business in 1974. He then worked for Peat Marwick in Lincoln, Nebraska. In the late 1970's, Rod started his own accounting practice in Norfolk, Nebraska and bought his first farm north of Norfolk at the age of 30. He then hired Marilyn Sherman of Foster, Nebraska as his secretary. They were later married on August 29, 1987. They made their home together on their farm ever since. Together, the Zwygarts owned

several businesses. Over the years, Rod had built a loyal cliental and most of these clients became close loyal friends.

Rod had many special interests. He enjoyed farming with friends and riding his four-wheeler to the pasture to attend to their horses, steers, and donkeys. Rod played league softball until the age 40 and then the Zwygarts began sponsoring many softball teams. Rod was especially proud of the Jake's Bar teams for all their 2015 accomplishments. Attending Husker football, basketball, and baseball was something Rod enjoyed with his wife Marilyn. Rod enjoyed traveling and a highlight was spending his 25th wedding anniversary traveling Europe with his wife Marilyn. Rod was enjoying his new home with his wife and was looking forward to more traveling and driving his corvettes.

Rod was very proud of the role he played with raising his nephew, Jaron Dock, and his niece, Tori Dock. He enjoyed attending all of their sporting events. Uncle Rod was especially fond of his great nieces and nephew, Aliyah, Jaydon, and Inez. Little Aliyah was Rod's special helper during his recovery from the June 5, 2015 automobile accident. The kids always knew that Rod loved them more than anything.

Rod is survived by his wife Marilyn Sherman Zwygart of Norfolk, his nephew Jaron Dock of Lincoln (great nephew-Jaydon Dock) and his niece Tori Dock of Norfolk (great nieces-Aliyah and Inez Taylor). He is also survived by his mother Mae Kidwell of Bancroft, his sister Sharon (Bob) Wiegert of La Vista, his brother John (Bev) Zwygart of Bancroft. Rod is preceded in death by his father John Zwygart.

A special thank-you to the men, Doug Vyhlidal, Reggie Gnirk, and Austin Harrison, that pulled Rod from his pickup wreckage to save his life June 5, 2015. Also, a special thank-you to all the people who helped Rod back to recovery from that accident. Rod's heart was deeply touched by how his clients waited patiently for him to return to work during this time. We will all deeply mourn how the November 15, 2015 accident took his life, but are thankful we will all have his loving memory in our hearts. Marilyn is most

proud of her husband Rod's generous nature, his cheerful spirit, and infectious laugh he shared with so many. "Last in the phone book, first in your heart."

Pallbearers will be Jaron Dock, Ronnie Bode, Dan Wieser, Bob Bartle, Donnie Eberly, Pete Faubel, Greg Juracek, Doug Spiedel, Marvin Krienert, Clark Gansebom. Honorary Pallbearers are Austin Harrison, Doug Vyhldal, Reggie Gnirk, Roy Zautke, Galen Petersen, Kenny Essmann, Larry Lueders, Jim Wegener, Ken Morgan, Mike Nielsen, Joe Bode, Kyle Taylor, Peter Mimick III, Bob Meyer, Randy Meyer, and all of Rod's loyal clients. Special Bearers will be Aliyah Taylor, Jaydon Dock, Inez Taylor. Organist will be Dottie Ahlers and soloist is Amanda Kahny.

As per Rod's wishes, the family extends an invitation to Jake's Bar in Norfolk the evening of the funeral November 24, 2015 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. to celebrate Rod's life. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Tribute Wall



“ Rodney G. Zwygart

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ Marilyn and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Jolene

Jolene Hanson - November 24, 2015 at 04:46 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers for you and family May all the good memories sustain you through this difficult time.

Ray and Betty Weaver

Ray Weaver - November 23, 2015 at 02:08 PM



“ I am very sorry for your loss but happy for your memories. Thinking and praying for you. -Neal Fulton

Neal Fulton - November 23, 2015 at 11:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney G. Zwygart.



November 23, 2015 at 11:58 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney G. Zwygart.*



November 23, 2015 at 10:43 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney G. Zwygart.*



November 22, 2015 at 08:09 PM



“ *I can't even express words of sympathy to you Marilyn or to the kids. Rod worked so hard to stay on this earth because he had to know you would be ok without him. Embrace the kids, your memories and if I can do anything you you let me know. I'm home bound right now having foot surgery a couple days ago . Take care!*

Laurie Hanna - November 22, 2015 at 06:31 PM



“ *With love, Titus & Debbie purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Rodney G. Zwygart.*



With love, Titus & Debbie - November 22, 2015 at 06:29 PM

TR

“ Titus Dock & Debbie Rhodes purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rodney G. Zwygart.



Titus Dock & Debbie Rhodes - November 22, 2015 at 06:13 PM

MF

“ Mom, Sharon and Bob & family, John and Bev & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rodney G. Zwygart.



Mom, Sharon and Bob & family, John and Bev & family - November 22, 2015 at 08:23 AM

JK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Enjoyed the time I was around the farm. Jeff and Tamara Korth

Jeff Korth - November 21, 2015 at 08:43 PM

SG

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Glenn & Sally Gast-Lacy.

Sally Gast-Lacy - November 21, 2015 at 11:41 AM

JN

Our sympathy. If you need anything you can call on us.

Joy nelson - November 22, 2015 at 07:22 PM



“ I remember the first time I met Rod, he brought Marilyn to Aurora, Colorado so she could meet Tori and Jaron for the first time and also to act as sponsors for their baptism. What a generous gesture for someone he had never met but because he cared so much about Marilyn he didn't hesitate. He will be missed! Know that I am here for anything you need!

Love,
Carolyn

Carolyn Sherman - November 21, 2015 at 07:01 AM



“ Love, Jean Andersen and Judy Price & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rodney G. Zwygart.



Love, Jean Andersen and Judy Price & Family - November 20, 2015 at 05:44 PM



“ Beth Rake purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rodney G. Zwygart.



Beth Rake - November 20, 2015 at 05:19 PM

SF

“ Susan Follette purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rodney G. Zwygart.



Susan Follette - November 20, 2015 at 01:55 AM

EG

“ Marilyn -- Memories of a wonderful life will bring you strength and comfort during this very difficult time. Our sympathy to you and your family.

Jack & Earlene Gardes

Earlene L. Gardes - November 19, 2015 at 03:30 PM

AN

“ Rod was so generous to us with his time and expertise. He was quite a personality and will be missed by so many. Rich and Ann Norgard

Ann Norgard - November 19, 2015 at 01:27 PM

DJ

“ Marilyn, Deepest sympathy. Prayers that the Lord be your comfort and peace as you walk thru this very difficult time. Never will I leave you nor forsake you says the Lord. Heb 13:5



David and Connie Johnson - November 19, 2015 at 11:31 AM

DJ

“ David And Connie Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rodney G. Zwygart



David and Connie Johnson - November 19, 2015 at 11:25 AM

LF

“ Marilyn, Rod will be missed. Last week, I was thinking about both of you, wondering how you were doing.

Rod was always full of energy and had so many things going on. He knew so many people and touched so many lives.

We are so sorry for your loss. God bless you!!!!

Larry Fritz - November 19, 2015 at 08:41 AM

RH

“ Marilyn, I am so very sorry for your loss. Rod was one of the most generous bosses I ever worked for. I learned a lot the 3 years I worked for him & with you. As I sat in the drive-thru at KFC today, I thought about Rod and when that building used to be Big Red Bottle. Oh the memories. Sending lots of love and prayers your way.
Rhonda Hopkins

Rhonda Hopkins - November 17, 2015 at 05:51 PM