



Roy Henry Zautke

December 14, 1930 - February 24, 2025

NORFOLK—Funeral services for Roy H. Zautke, 94, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30AM on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Pastor Lee Weander will be officiating the service. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk. Visitation will be held from 4-7PM on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Roy passed away on Monday, February 24, 2025 at the Stanton Health Center in Stanton. Stonacek Funeral Chapel of Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Roy Zautke was born December 14, 1930 at his grandparent's farm in rural Pierce, NE to Erdman and Leona (Miller) Zautke. He is the oldest of three boys. Roy (94), Vernon (92) of Plainview, and Marlin (86) of Pierce.

Roy spent his childhood years on a farm north of Pierce, and attended District 18 school through the 8th grade. At the age of 13 years, he developed rheumatic fever which set him back one year in school. He attended Pierce High School and graduated in 1950. In June of 1950 he was united in marriage with his high school sweetheart DeEtta (Pochop) Zautke at St. John's Lutheran parsonage in Pierce. They then moved to Norfolk. From this union Roy and DeEtta were blessed with four wonderful children; Natala Zautke Wegner, Dwight (Kristine) Zautke, Richard (Paulynn) Zautke, Nadine (Richard) Samsel, 5 grandchildren; Andre Wegner, Corey Zautke, Amy

Zautke, Brock Zautke, and Tanner Morgan, and 8 great grandchildren.

Roy worked several years in his own floor covering business and then later as a successful insurance agent.

On October 24, 1974 he married Darlene Barrett of Norfolk and was united with her 6 children. After marriage he continued to pursue his insurance career and moved to South Sioux City in 1976, then to Kearney in 1979. After retiring from his career in insurance he relocated to Gilbert, AZ in 1986 to start up his second career where he became involved in the swimming pool business.

Then in 1998 he retired and he and Darlene moved back to Norfolk to build their retirement home where he resided until coming to Stanton Health Center on September 23, 2024. His wife Darlene passed away on July 1, 2017.

He always took pride in the vehicles he owned, and especially enjoyed his yardwork, loved to dance, and listen to polka music, play cards, and gather with friends for conversation and coffee. He even refurbished a Red McCormick Farmall Tractor a few years back.

For the past 20 years he always repaired the shopping carts at Hy-Vee West, always giving him a little “something to do.”

Roy loved visiting with friends and neighbors, and sharing life stories with each other. He especially loved teasing the little neighbor kids (calling them monkeys), and sharing his candy bucket of goodies each time they paid a visit.

One of his favorite humored quirks that he always had to share with any adult he met was to tell them that the secret for living a long life was to drink a

thimble full of “Old Crow” each day. Even though he never practiced what he preached, he is now the age of 94!

On December 14, 2024 we celebrated his memorable 94th birthday at Stanton Health Center along with 50 of his family, friends, and neighbors. What a joyous occasion! Plus, we all toasted to his life of longevity with a thimble full of “Old Crow”.

Roy is a celebrated Christian and a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

Roy is survived by his children, daughter Natala Wegner of Norfolk, son Dwight (Kristine) Zautke of Sioux City, IA son Richard (Paulynn) Zautke of Norfolk, daughter Nadine (Dick) Samsel of Spring Grove, IL, stepdaughter Kathy Nevjahr of Mesa, AZ, stepdaughter Rose Ann Anderson of Arizona, stepson Richard (Johnene) Barrett of Mesa, AZ, stepdaughter Nancy Barrett of Arizona, stepdaughter Ellen Schmer of Lincoln, stepdaughter Lorrie of Las Vegas, NV, 19 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and brothers Vernon Zautke of Plainview, & Marlin (Jean) Zautke of Pierce. He is preceded in death by his parents Erdman and Leona, wife Darlene Zautke, daughter-in-law Jeanie Zautke, son-in-law Milo Wegner, and sister-in-law Irene Zautke.

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

MAR 7. 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/>

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Interment

MAR 8. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Roy Henry Zautke*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - March 05, 2025 at 03:34 PM

DR

“ *Our sincere sympathy and prayers in the loss of your dad. My memories bring you comfort and peace Dennis and Roxanne Ryan of Atkinson, Nebraska.*

Dennis and Roxanne Ryan - March 07, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - March 05, 2025 at 03:30 PM

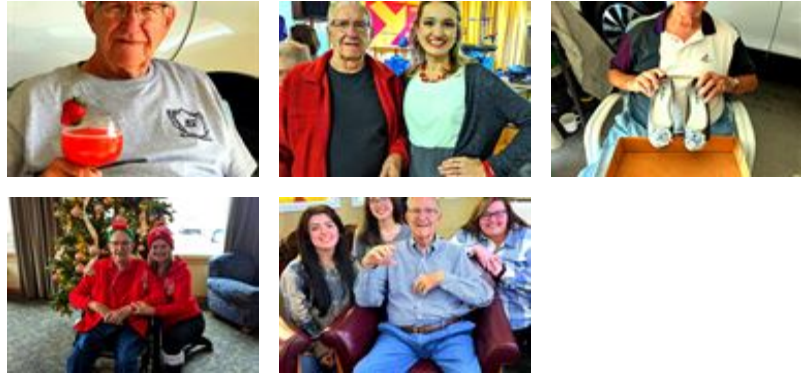


Our deepest sympathy to Roys sons and daughters. such a great storyteller and fix-it guy of all things! You are missed Roy! Grand daughter Jennifer and Curtis Liles ❤️

Jennifer Liles - March 21, 2025 at 10:43 PM



“ 71 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - March 04, 2025 at 12:44 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Roy Henry Zautke.



March 02, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roy Henry Zautke.

March 02, 2025 at 05:48 PM



“ Brad, Pari and Mike your Friends at SLA purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Roy Henry Zautke.



Brad, Pari and Mike your Friends at SLA - February 28, 2025 at 09:01 AM

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“ Brad, Pari and Mike your Friends at SLA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roy Henry Zautke.

Brad, Pari and Mike your Friends at SLA - February 28, 2025 at 09:01 AM

GM

“ My condolences go out to the family of Roy. May God bring you peace, strength, and comfort during this difficult time. You have a lot of wonderful memories to look back at. Roy was a great person and I think he may have missed his calling as a stand up comedian. At least part time! Take care.

Gary Morgan - February 27, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roy Henry Zautke.



February 27, 2025 at 10:01 AM

RW

“ With deepest sympathy 🙏🙏🙏

Rita Wragge - February 25, 2025 at 08:38 PM

NS

I MISS YOU DADDY 🥺

Nadine Samsel - February 27, 2025 at 12:52 AM