



## Thomas F. "Tom" Vavak

March 28, 1940 - December 1, 2022

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Thomas F. "Tom or Tommy" Vavak, 82, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 5, 2022 at the First Presbyterian Church in Norfolk. Rev. Brian Johnson will be officiating the service. Interment will be held at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be 2:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Tom passed away on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at the Heritage of Bel Air Nursing Home in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tom was born on March 28, 1940 in Royal, Nebraska to Thomas and Frances (Svehla) Vavak Sr. He grew up in Plainview and he attended Plainview Public School. On August 16, 1961 he married Bessie M. Boubin at the Presbyterian Church in Madison. After marriage, Tom and Bessie lived in Plainview while Tom worked in Creighton. They later moved to Norfolk in 1964. Tom worked at Gillette Dairy/Roberts Dairy in Norfolk from 1967-2007. He also worked at Merchants Convenience Store on weekends. In his later years he did paper delivery for the Norfolk Daily News. His three paper routes helped him cover over 10 miles a day, often accompanied by his dog. Tom liked keeping busy by going to polka dances, fixing cars, watching baseball, snow blowing his neighbors' driveways, fishing, and gardening. During his lifetime he traveled to all 48 contiguous states and Canada and Mexico. Tom was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Norfolk, was a head usher, and served on the

building committee at First Presbyterian Church.

Tom is survived by his spouse Bessie Vavak of Norfolk, daughters Nancy (Andy) Praeuner of Norfolk, NE and Amy (James) Vavak-Bullis of Maynard, MA, and 5 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Thomas Sr. and Frances, and son Randy Vavak died in 2011.

Casket bearers will be his grandchildren and their partners, Ryan Praeuner, Gabe Bullis, Luke Praeuner, Taylor Olson, Allison Dike, Brandon Dike, and Mila Bullis.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church - Norfolk  
10th St. Madison Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
<http://firstpresnorfolk.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas F. "Tom" Vavak*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *A very valued and loyal Gillette employee. It was a pleasure having him on our team! Kip Hirschbach*

**Kip Hirschbach** - December 05, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas F. "Tom" Vavak.*



December 04, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *I remember Tom as very active at First Presbyterian Church. We were new there and he was, maybe head usher, but always welcoming. Grateful for his warmth!! Bev and Chuck Henkel*

**Beverly G Henkel** - December 01, 2022 at 10:27 PM