



## Willard R. Ditter

May 20, 1929 - August 24, 2017

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Willard R. Ditter, 88, of Norfolk will be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk with Rev. Ray S. Wilke officiating. Interment will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be held 5:00-7:00 p.m., Monday at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Military rites will be provided by the American Legion Post 16, V.F.W. Post 1644, both of Norfolk, and the United States Army Honors Guard. Willard died Thursday, August 24, 2017 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Born May 20, 1929, in Genoa, he was the son of Reynold and Mary (Schreiber) Ditter. He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in Platte Center and confirmed there in 1942. Willard grew up in Monroe, where he graduated from Monroe High School in 1946. He then attended Doane College in Crete. He served in the U.S. Army from Feb. 26, 1953, to Feb. 25, 1955.

After his service, Willard was an automotive instructor at Fort Bill, Okla. Willard then worked as an automotive mechanic at Northrup and Langel Chevrolet for 20 years, then Henningsen Machine for two years, then Ninth St. Conoco for seven years.

He married Dawn Langenberg on Dec. 31, 1968, in Dillon, S.C. The couple made their home in Norfolk all of their married life. He especially enjoyed fishing, hunting and Nebraska Cornhusker football. He was noted as one of the best mechanics in Norfolk.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Norfolk and American Legion Post 16 of Norfolk.

Survivors include his spouse, Dawn Ditter of Norfolk; children Dallas (Kathy) Ditter of Ellis, Kan., Sherrie (Don) Maliha of Leigh, Kent (Jessie) Ditter of Torrington, Wyo.; a stepdaughter, LaRee Stolp of Hadar; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and siblings Mary Ann Laudenclaus of Columbus, LeRoy (Dorothy) Ditter of Columbus and Kay (Lee) Rupp of Monroe.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Carroll Laudenclaus.

Casket bearers will be Adam Vath, Josh Ditter, Aaron Ditter, Wade Ditter, Brian Maliha and Brent Ditter. Honorary casketbearers will be Richard Pasold, Glen Macumber, Lowell Janovec, Don Kraemer, Mark Fleeer and Lyle Baker.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online 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

AUG 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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/>

## Service

AUG 29. 1:30 PM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church - Norfolk  
416 Park Ave.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willard R. Ditter*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Kent*

*Very sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. Hope your doing ok and take care.*

*Terry Ralston*

Terry Ralston - August 29, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *Wishing you peace and comfort in God's promise that Willard is now with Him*

*Kathy Bokelman Zeeb (Lillian Ditters daughter)*

Kathy Bokelman - August 29, 2017 at 09:33 AM



“ *My sympathy at the loss of Willard. May God heal the family at this difficult time. He and Reynold will be fishing together in heaven.*

*Rachel Janssen*

Rachel Janssen - August 29, 2017 at 07:16 AM



“ *Dallas and Kent*

*Condolences on the loss of your Dad.*

*Tom Decker*

Tom L Decker - August 28, 2017 at 02:03 PM