



Dennis W. Choplin

September 21, 1940 - April 28, 2021

Dennis Choplin, 80 of Kearney passed away Wednesday, April 28, 2021 peacefully at his home surrounded by his family. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the Avenue of Flags. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Dennis Wade Choplin was born September 21, 1940 in Yadkin County, North Carolina to Wesley and Irene (Adams) Choplin. Dennis went to a number of country schools and after moving to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, attended Gray High School. He volunteered for the draft at the age of 17. His first duty station was Fort Myer, Virginia, where he was a proud member of the President's Honor Guard. He participated in President John F. Kennedy's inauguration parade and his funeral. While stationed at Fort Myer, he met his future wife, Peggy Weidner, and they were married in 1961. They recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. To this union, three children were born, Michael Lynn, Denise Jean and Mark Allen.

Dennis' military career continued with him being stationed in Korea. He was

also stationed twice in Germany and Fort Riley, Kansas and Duluth Air Base. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam. When asked how he wanted to be remembered, he stated as "A Soldier." And that he was, a proud Soldier.

Dennis retired from the Army in 1980 and continued his education at Central Community College earning his Associate Degree in HVAC. He was employed by the University of Nebraska at Kearney until his second retirement in 2002.

Dennis was quite the handyman and there wasn't anything he could not make or fix. He loved to tinker in his shop and trips to Menards.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Peggy Choplin; daughter, Denise (Neil) Miller; son, Mark Choplin; grandchildren, Matt (Angie) Choplin, Hannah Keen, Alex Miller, Bryce Choplin, Makayla Choplin, Kevin Choplin, Claire Choplin, Scott Choplin, and Madison Choplin; great grandchildren, Kelsey Choplin and Tate Choplin; sister, Carol McDuffie; sister-in-law, Olivia Choplin, both of North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Michael Choplin; brothers, Joe and Charles Choplin.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
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Funeral Service

MAY 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dennis W. Choplin



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - May 06, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ Dennis W. Choplin

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ We were saddened to hear of Dennis passing. He will always be remembered by Pete as a really great guy to work with. They shared many interesting and memorable conversations. May all your memories of Dennis become treasures in your hearts. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Pete and Sheri Rodriguez,Arizona - May 04, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Choplin.



May 04, 2021 at 04:33 PM

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“ *Janice Weidner-Hickey purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dennis W. Choplin.*



Janice Weidner-Hickey - May 04, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Choplin.*



May 03, 2021 at 10:56 PM

CA

“ *Carol purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dennis W. Choplin.*



Carol - May 03, 2021 at 02:36 PM

LS

“ *Lynn & Wydell, Kerry & Sharon purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Dennis W. Choplin.*



Lynn & Wydell, Kerry & Sharon - May 03, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Choplin.



May 01, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ Denise and the entire Choplin family. Lowell and I were saddened to learn of Dennis's passing. Know our thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn your loss. May the many, many happy memories help sustain you during this time as well as bring you peace. Our sincere sympathy, Lowell and Ginett Janssen

Ginett Janssen - April 30, 2021 at 10:01 PM



“ I was five years old when Dennis married my dear sister, Peggy. And we shared the same birthday, September 21. Dennis was very like our dad, Chub Weidner, a worker, and quite a handyman. Two songs always remind me of Dennis: “Chances Are” by Johnnie Mathis, because it was a favorite song of Dennis and Peggy. And “Treat Me Like a Fool” by Elvis Presley, which I remember Dennis singing.
I love you and miss you, dear Dennis. Rest In Peace.

Maris Weidner Bentley - April 30, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ I remember went I went to stay with Dennis, Peggy, Mike, Denise and Mark, that Dennis made awesome breakfasts which included his "famous Southern grits."

Lou Ann - April 30, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis W. Choplin.*



April 30, 2021 at 10:38 AM