



## Ray "Duffy" Mayo

August 10, 1934 - March 4, 2022

Ray "Duffy" Mayo, 87 of Gibbon passed away Friday, March 4, 2022 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2022 at Gibbon Baptist Church with Pastor Taylor Shippy officiating. Inurnment will follow at Riverside Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Gibbon American Legion Post #310 in conjunction with the Offutt Air Force Funeral Honors Team. The family will receive friends 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to Gibbon American Legion Post #310.

Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Duffy was born August 10, 1934, in Mesic, North Carolina to E.R. and Neva (Lincoln) Mayo. He was raised in Mesic, N.C. graduating from the New Pamlico County High School in 1952. Throughout his childhood, Duffy spent time working the vegetable farm along side his parents. Duffy was active in fall and spring baseball at his school, playing in the state finals his senior year. He also enjoyed basketball and hunting with his dad whenever possible.

Following his graduation, Duffy enlisted into the U.S. Navy where he learned the electrical trade (working on airplane systems). After spending much of his

time aboard ships, he traveled with his best friend, Gary Lewis to see the country. Gary brought Duffy back to Kearney to spend time before he would attend school in North Carolina. Once in Nebraska, Duffy met Janice Cline. The couple dated and were married on July 22, 1956, at the Gibbon Baptist Church. Duffy and Janice traveled the U.S. as he spent a hitch with the U.S. Air Force so they could stay state-side together. They settled in Gibbon where they raised their family. Duffy and Janice became very active in the community and ventured into several businesses: Duffy's Barber Shop, Mayo's Convenience Store and Mayo's Electric Services.

Duffy was an avid hunter following his dogs in the fields. He became a golfer spending the remainder of his life on the links. He was an active member in the Gibbon American Legion, filling many positions over the years.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 65 years, Janice Mayo of Gibbon; children, Curt (Lorri) Mayo of Gibbon, Renee Mayo of Grand Island, Shannon (Mike) Weidner of Cypress, TX; grandchildren, Brett (Meagan) Mayo, Erin (Bryce) Feeney, Ryan Mayo, Jayden Weidner and Kylee Weidner; great grandchildren, Landon, Kaleb and Simone Mayo.

Duffy was preceded in death by his parents; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Max and Ethel Cline; and his great granddaughter, Cecelia Wynn Mayo.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

45400 85th Road  
Gibbon, NE

# Previous Events

## Family receiving friends

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Memorial Service

MAR 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

Gibbon Baptist Church  
705 Court St  
Gibbon, NE 68840-6228  
(308) 468-5323

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray "Duffy" Mayo*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Janice, we are thinking of you during this time. We have a lot of fond memories through the years. and still miss them. We want to go to the services tomorrow. Waiting to see how the weather is. Bob doesn't handle snow very good. Prayers are with you and family.*  
*Bob & LaVonne*



**Bob & LaVonne Rosso** - March 10, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ray "Duffy" Mayo.*



March 09, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss, may the God of mercy grant you peace and comfort during your suffering*



**Fran & Kelly Murr** - March 09, 2022 at 11:55 AM

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“ Sandy Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Ray "Duffy" Mayo



Sandy Hubbard - March 08, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray "Duffy" Mayo.



March 08, 2022 at 08:53 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray "Duffy" Mayo.



March 07, 2022 at 02:25 PM

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“ Inez and I extend our condolences to Janice and the entire Mayo family along with the many, many friends that she along with Duffy have generated over the years.

We became one of those many friends in the late 1950s when Duffy enter the United States Air Force and was assigned to the 53rd Fighter Support Wing at Sioux City Air Base, Iowa. Due to the military service's limited income in the mid '50s, both families were restricted to living in an extremely small, combined apartment/trailer court complex in the town of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa that was adjacent to the Air Base. And that was when and where the friendship began, mainly because Janice & Duffy never met a stranger.

Our friendship has lasted thru these many, many years. From serving our country in the '50s thru to the later years that included countless RV camping trips coast-to-coast to late as we communicate via phone and email, Janice and Duffy exhibited a continuous friendship that Inez and I will treasure forever.

May God bless Janice, the family and all of the friends as Duffy departs on his next journey of making even more friends.

Inez and Hal Richards  
Sun City, AZ

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Inez Marie & Harold "Hal" Richards - March 07, 2022 at 10:35 AM