



## Richard "Rick" Keefer

March 14, 1955 - June 10, 2025

Richard J. "Rick" Keefer, 70 of Gibbon passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at his home surrounded by family. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 27, 2025 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shelton with Father Josh Brown officiating. Burial will take place at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel, IA at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the cancer foundation of your choice.

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.

Rick was born March 14, 1955 in Columbus, NE to Richard W. and Donna R. (Wheeler) Keefer. The family moved to Kearney, NE where Rick attended and graduated from Kearney Catholic High School in 1973. He enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps on April 29, 1974 and proudly served until his honorable discharge on December 12, 1984. On August 2, 1980, he was united in marriage to Cynthia Jones in Monroe, IA. Rick was a longtime custodian for Grand Island Northwest High School.

Rick enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening. He was also an avid Husker fan. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Cindy Keefer of Gibbon; children,

Catheline (Stacy) McCuddin of Huxley, IA and Patrick Keefer of Gibbon; grandchildren, Riley McCuddin, Hallie McCuddin, Madilyn McCuddin; siblings, Tim (Sheryl) Keefer of Bellevue, NE, Scott Keefer of Amherst, Kris (Mike) Lewis of Evans, GA, Kay (Mark) Oliver of Auburn, NE and Lisa (Jai) Andrist of Gibbon; many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church  
508 S B St  
Shelton, NE 68876  
(308) 583-2464

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *My sympathies to you, Cindy, and to your family. I pray that you will feel God's presence and strength in the midst of your loss.-- Beverly Wiebe-Brown*

**Beverly Wiebe-Brown** - June 27, 2025 at 04:31 PM

PS

“ *Rick and I went to school together. I always considered him a good friend. Sad to say we had lost contact over the years. He will be missed. My Condolences to his family.*

**Patrick sims** - June 25, 2025 at 10:08 PM

JS

“ *Cindy we are all thinking of you at Wood River Schools*

**Jlm Spellman** - June 25, 2025 at 11:26 AM

BV

“ *Cindy, so sorry to learn of Rick's death from one of his classmates. I enjoyed getting to to know you at Gibbon Public School. Rick was a caring person. You have my sympathy. Bev Vacha*

**Beverly Vacha** - June 21, 2025 at 04:28 PM

RB

“ *Cindy, So sorry to hear of his passing. Lyle Burton and I worked with Rick @ ADT in Des Moines. We have some great memories of our families together. We will miss him dearly. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.*



**RosAnna Sturdevant Burton** - June 18, 2025 at 08:17 PM

CK

*I remember you as well. we did have fun. Thank you.*

**Cyndi keefer** - June 22, 2025 at 10:37 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Keefer.*



June 18, 2025 at 04:06 PM

EC

“ *Erin & Brenden Callahan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Rick" Keefer.*



**Erin & Brenden Callahan** - June 18, 2025 at 03:53 PM

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“ *Erin & Brenden Callahan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Rick" Keefer.*

**Erin & Brenden Callahan** - June 18, 2025 at 03:53 PM

CT

“ To Cindy and family,  
I graduated with Rick from KCHS. Was sad  
when I heard of Rick's cancer diagnosis and  
now his passing. Knowing Rick I'm sure he  
fought hard. You are all in my thoughts and  
prayers. May he now RIP. My condolences.  
Coleen Wise Towery



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**Coleen Wise Towery** - June 18, 2025 at 03:17 PM

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Thank you.

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**Cyndi keeper** - June 22, 2025 at 10:39 PM

LG

“ Linda Gresham purchased the Serene Retreat for  
the family of Richard "Rick" Keefer.



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**Linda Gresham** - June 18, 2025 at 01:24 PM