



Thomas J. Shultz

October 29, 1948 - February 3, 2018

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Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Tom was born October 29, 1948 in Kearney to Ronald and Wanda (Gillming) Shultz. He grew up in Gothenburg and Kearney and graduated in 1966 from Kearney Senior High School.

He entered the US Navy on June 23, 1967 and served during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on February 20, 1973.

Tom was united in marriage to Judith Lawson on September 14, 1968 in Kearney. They later divorced. To this union, four daughters were born.

He was employed with Safeway, IGA, and later Apple Market grocery stores. He retired in 2011 after 40 plus years in the grocery business.

He was a 49 year member of Faith United Methodist Church, the VFW Post #759, past VFW Post #759 Commander and Quartermaster, the VFW Color Guard, AMVETS, and he started the Beer and Burger night at the VFW and ran it for over a decade. He also enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling, tinkering on projects around his house and was a past Kearney Little League coach for the Kearney Floral team in the early 80's.

Most of all he enjoyed time with his family and attending his grandkids baseball games, soccer games, and music and dance events.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters and their spouses, Kristina and Dan Muth of Hastings, NE, Angela and Carl Schroer, Amanda and Chris Vasquez, and Samantha Shultz-Ramer and Levi Ramer all of Kearney; grandchildren Gretchen and Jaina Muth of Hastings, Cole and Tyson Schroer, Zachry, Isabel, and Alexander Vasquez, Alyvia, Keegan, Addison and Peyton Shultz-Ramer all of Kearney; his siblings Ronald and Diana Bates of Olympia, WA, Dennis Shultz of Kearney, Monty and Peggy Shultz of Spokane, WA, John and Shirley Shultz of Rapid City, SD, Carolyn and Rick Musil of Texas, and Becky and John Burnley of Urbandale, IA, and his loving cat Screech; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and brother Terry.

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Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 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>

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith United Methodist Church
1623 Central Avenue
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas J. Shultz*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Always enjoyed working with "Shultz" as we called him in the grocery store. Some really good memories. Prayers for the family. Rick and Diane Giese, Amarillo, TX*

RICK AND DIANE GIESE - February 08, 2018 at 04:30 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I have cherished memories of times shared long ago when we had our family gatherings, especially the ones at the home of his Gillming grandparents. His mother Wanda was my first cousin. My love to all of you.*

*Donna Bennett Lutes Chapin
Lincoln, NE*

Donna M. Chapin - February 07, 2018 at 11:01 PM



“ *The Trew Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas J. Shultz.*



The Trew Family - February 07, 2018 at 10:24 PM

KS

“ *Kerstin Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. Shultz*



kerstin schroeder - February 07, 2018 at 07:24 PM

NN

“ *I am so saddened to learn of Tom's passing... I am a distant cousin and haven't seen any of the Shultz family for about 40-45 years. I always remember him as a happy, friendly, warm person. I'm sure he remained that way over the years that I didn't get to see him anymore. Please know you are all in my heart over his loss. Naomi (Bennett) Niess*

naomi niess - February 07, 2018 at 04:19 PM

LG

“ *Sam, I am so sorry to hear that your dad has passed away. He was such a nice guy, and hard worker. I will always remember you and him cooking hamburgers together at the VFW. I haven't seen you for a long time but please know that you are not forgotten. "Hug's" and heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. Linda and John Grimes*

Linda Grimes - February 07, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Shultz.*



February 06, 2018 at 05:31 PM

CC

“ *Crystal, Chris, and Carrie purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Thomas J. Shultz.*



Crystal, Chris, and Carrie - February 05, 2018 at 07:27 PM

JM

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Tom's passing. As a fellow 1966 graduate of KHS with Tom, he was always a good friend. I was also a fellow runner with Tom in Track and as I always told him he was the best runner I ever knew in my lifetime. I was always amazed at how good he really was starting back in the 9th grade as I knew I would never be able to catch him and I never did. He was the star of the track team and Cross Country teams and a true asset to KHS and the community. As a Veteran also he served our country and made us proud of his service. I was truly honored and proud to have known Tom and be a part of his life is a small way. If I lived in Kearney I would be proud to sound final Taps for Tom as recognition of his service to our country.*

*Rest in Peace Tom, and condolences to his family. God's Blessings!
Jerry Mays, KHS Class of 1966.*

Jerry L Mays - February 05, 2018 at 06:33 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Shultz.*



February 05, 2018 at 01:24 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Shultz.*



February 05, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ *I've heard many stories of what a great man he was. Sorry for the loss.*



Tracy - February 05, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Shultz.*



February 05, 2018 at 09:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Shultz.*



February 04, 2018 at 06:05 PM