



## Alvin Elmer Rinke

September 15, 1941 - January 20, 2020

Alvin Elmer Rinke, 78, of Grand Island passed away on Monday, January 20, 2020 with his family at his side.

Memorial service and celebration of Alvin's life will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Daniel Naranjo and Jeremy Reagan will officiate. A gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Alvin was born September 15, 1941 in Grand Island, the son of Elmer and Leona (Goehring) Rinke.

Alvin graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1960, where he was known as "The Chipmunk". Following graduation, he worked for Kenny Shindo's Garage. In September of 1961, he went to work for O.P. Skaggs in the advertising department making signs for the various stores.

In 1965 Alvin joined the Nebraska National Guard. After finishing Basic Training at Fort Polk, LA and Fort Sill, OK, he returned to Grand Island and went to work at Skagway, Inc. as a meat cutter until his retirement in 2004.

Al met his high school sweetheart, Sharon Hetrick, in 1959. They were married on November 3, 1963. Two daughters were born to this union, Jean and Debra. The couple lived most of their life in Grand Island, other than a year in Stromsburg, 1975-1976, where they owned and operated a Jack & Jill Grocery Store.

Alvin loved classic cars. His pride and joy was his 1963 Cadillac Sedan Deville. His garage is evidence of his hobby. Summers were spent camping

with the family and later going to car shows. The 4th of July was spent at the Goodguys Car Show in Des Moines, IA. They traveled to Kansas City, Kansas, Texas, Tennessee, Missouri, Iowa and South Dakota to car shows. He belonged to the Eagles, Goodguys Asso., VFW and Island Area Cruisers. His memory is cherished by his wife of 56 years, Sharon; daughters, Jean (Brian) Cook and Debra Rinke of Grand Island; several nieces and nephews; brothers-in-law, Ernie Hetrick and Mike (Jackie) Hetrick; and the Rinke and Goehring cousins.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Leona (Goehring) Rinke; brother, William "Bill" Rinke; in-laws, Merwin and Ruth Hetrick and sister-in-law, Nancy Hetrick.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN **25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Alvin Elmer Rinke*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *My thoughts are with you, Sharon. Norma Gauthier*

**Norma** - January 27, 2020 at 11:12 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Bill always enjoyed working with Alvin.*

*Betty Jussel*

**Betty Jussel** - January 23, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Michael (Tony), Russell (LJ) & Stacey purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Alvin Elmer Rinke.*



**Michael (Tony), Russell (LJ) & Stacey** - January 23, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ *Sharon and family,  
Sending sympathy and prayers for strength to you.*  
*Joann Nietfeld*

**joann nietfeld** - January 23, 2020 at 12:58 PM

KK

“ Jean & Family,  
We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Our thoughts  
and prayers are with you and your loved ones. Karen Kirkpatrick &  
Family.

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**Karen Kirkpatrick** - January 22, 2020 at 01:21 PM

KP

“ Roger and I are so sorry for your loss. Your memories will keep you  
smiling. Your family is in our prayers.

*Kay and Roger Peters*

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**Kay Peters** - January 22, 2020 at 08:31 AM

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“ may you keep good memories about Alvin.

*Terry Rinke*

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**Terry Rinke** - January 21, 2020 at 04:47 PM