



Carl Richard Brasee

May 14, 1931 - September 20, 2024

It is with heavy heart that we announce that Carl Richard Brasee, 93, passed peacefully at home with family on September 20, 2024, in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Born to Carl and Anne (Davies) Brasee on May 14, 1931, in Omaha, Nebraska, Carl was raised by his mother, helped by his older sister, Dot, after his father died too young in 1935. His childhood was spent mostly in Omaha but also for a few years in his mother's hometown of Seattle, Washington. He graduated with honors from Omaha Benson High School in 1949 –a stand-out in athletics and academics.

Carl continued to excel at the University of Nebraska Lincoln – earning a scholarship for football and joining R.O.T.C. He earned three varsity letters in 1950, 1951 and 1952 – starting on both offense and defense. Carl was elected a Captain of the 1952 team by his teammates and graduated with distinction with a Bachelor degree in Agriculture Science in 1953. He was commissioned as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force where he served with honor for several years on active duty and then in the reserves until the early 1960's. On November 30, 1957, Carl made what he called the best decision of his life by joining in marriage – and in life - with Karen Luther of Wisner, Nebraska. Settling in Grand Island, Nebraska, Carl and Karen raised their three children – Margret, John and Mark – and became a part of their community. Carl entered the investment business achieving 9 securities certificates, including three separate principal examinations, over 67 years. He was a board

member and leader in First Mid America Inc. which he and his partners sold in 1983. After which, he continued in the investment business formally retiring with Ameritas on December 31, 2021. Along the way, he did advance degree work at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania. In 1967, Carl and Karen acquired ownership of Citizens Bank & Trust Co.– which continues to this day with three locations – St. Paul, Loup City and Central City.

Outside of business and family, Carl remained a life-long outdoorsman. He continued to fly with Karen around the country for many years, outskied his kids for decades and mastered both shotgun and rifle. Duck hunting and fly fishing for trout in Western streams were his passions.

These are the minimum facts of Carl's life. Facts which do not do justice to the man. For make no mistake, Carl was emblematic of what it is to be a man. He loved and cherished his wife. He supported and encouraged his children. He adored and taught his grandchildren. He is a credit to his family, his businesses and his community as a man of classic grit and magnetic presence.

The Omaha World-Herald in high school called him "rugged" and "the most aggressive tackle in town - big, strong and tough." Apt descriptions that also include intelligent and far-seeing in his life of excellence.

Carl joins his beloved wife and partner in life, Karen - whom he missed for every moment since they were parted almost 6 years ago. He also rests with his parents, Carl and Anne Brasee; a cherished sister, Dorothy "Dot" MacDuff, her husband Richard MacDuff; and his nephew, Rick MacDuff.

Honoring his memory are his children, Margret Brasee Loftus (Eric), John C. Brasee (Debbie) and Mark L. Brasee (Mary Lou); his grandchildren, Courtney M. Brasee, Cameron R. Brasee, Rehn L. Rush (Gavin) and Lincoln B. Loftus; his nieces and nephews and many whose lives he impacted.

Visitation will be from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday September 23rd, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 212 W 12th St, Grand Island, NE 68801.

Funeral services for Carl will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday September 24th,

2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 212 W 12th St, Grand Island, NE 68801, with interment to follow at the Grand Island Cemetery, 3168 W Stolley Park Rd, Grand Island, NE 68801.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to: Husker Athletic Fund, Ducks Unlimited or Trinity Lutheran Church in lieu of flowers.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **23.** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
212 W 12th St
Grand Island, NE 68801-3832
(308) 382-0753

Funeral Service

SEP **24.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
212 W 12th St
Grand Island, NE 68801-3832
(308) 382-0753

Burial

SEP **24.** 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grand Island Cemetery
3168 W Stolley Park Rd
Grand Island, NE 68801-7203

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Lloya F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Richard Brasee.

Lloya F. - September 24, 2024 at 04:21 PM

CT

“ Crane Trust planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Richard Brasee.

Crane Trust - September 24, 2024 at 11:02 AM

CT

“ Crane Trust purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Carl Richard Brasee.



Crane Trust - September 24, 2024 at 11:02 AM

TM

“ The Mitchell's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Richard Brasee.

The Mitchell's - September 24, 2024 at 09:15 AM

TM

“ *The Mitchell's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carl Richard Brasee.*



The Mitchell's - September 24, 2024 at 09:15 AM

JS

“ *Mark,
Condolences to you and your family on the passing of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jim and Jolene Stevens (NorthStar).*

JIM STEVENS - September 23, 2024 at 05:38 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Carl Richard Brasee.*



September 23, 2024 at 01:12 PM

BB

“ *Bob & Michelle Benes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Richard Brasee.*

Bob & Michelle Benes - September 23, 2024 at 01:12 PM

OT

“ On behalf of Bridges Trust purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Carl Richard Brasee.



On behalf of Bridges Trust - September 23, 2024 at 12:53 PM

FF

“ From Fulcrum purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Carl Richard Brasee.



From Fulcrum - September 23, 2024 at 12:46 PM

CB

“ Carl was a man of great wisdom and guidance to anyone who asked for his help. He loved the outdoors and his family. He commanded a room when he spoke yet would listened when needed. Carl and Karen were one of my first employers and I owe them a debt of gratitude for their trust. It has allowed me to grow into the man I am today and provide for my family. He will be missed by many. My condolences to Margret, Mark, John, and the rest of the Brasee family.

Curtis, Tonya, and Hunter Bruha - September 23, 2024 at 12:39 PM

MK

“ Michelle and Barry Kubat planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Richard Brasee.

Michelle and Barry Kubat - September 23, 2024 at 09:58 AM

MK

“ Michelle and Barry Kubat purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carl Richard Brasee.



Michelle and Barry Kubat - September 23, 2024 at 09:58 AM

TP

“ Tina Pesavento purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carl Richard Brasee.



Tina Pesavento - September 23, 2024 at 07:53 AM

CD

“ I had the honor of being Carl's caretaker . He was soft spoken, but his humor didn't need a big voice. He always smiled when I came into help him. And always wanted a handshake ,boy what a firm one he had. He even showed me how to light the fireplace for him.. he got a good chuckle watching me try to light it. His love for family showed every day. He will be missed. I am so glad I had the privilege to know him.

Christie Dennis - September 22, 2024 at 11:05 PM

BE

“ Betsy, Debbie, Linda, Shannon, Becky, Em purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Carl Richard Brasee.



Betsy, Debbie, Linda, Shannon, Becky, Em - September 22, 2024 at 09:00 PM

TF

“ *The Jim & Robyne Huebner Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carl Richard Brasee.*



The Jim & Robyne Huebner Family - September 22, 2024 at 03:31 PM

JR

“ *Carl was a renaissance man. Smart, tough, shrewd, hardworking but a big heart. He was an athlete, military man, pilot, businessman, family man, outdoorsman, philanthropist. He lived five lives in one.*

Jim Rose - September 22, 2024 at 01:48 PM

CM

“ *Carl was a great friend to so many, including me. I had the honor of meeting them when I lived in Santa Fe, NM. A few times they stayed at my house but usually in downtown Santa Fe and we would meet for breakfast, sometimes we'd go to dinner. Karen came alone once and we had a great visit and traveled all over to see things that Carl had no interest in doing. They were both great company and excellent together! I miss them so much and each alone and together they form a vacuum in the world. You are so lucky to have them as parents and I am sad for all of you but as years go by, and now, you all have beautiful memories of great childhoods. Cheryl Hornady Morris*

Cheryl Hornady Morris - September 21, 2024 at 05:20 PM