



Chester "Chet" A. Rockford

September 4, 1945 - January 5, 2024

Chester "Chet" A. Rockford, 78, of Grand Island, passed away on January 5, 2024 at the Veteran's Hospital. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 10th at 11 am at All Faiths Funeral Home, and family will greet friends for an hour prior to the service. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Burial will take place in O'Neill after the service.

Chet was born on September 4, 1945 in O'Neill, NE to William and Leona (Gilman) Rockford. He was raised and received his education in Grand Island. On January 27, 1964, Chet married his childhood sweetheart, Alvina Keithley. Three sons were blessed into this union. The couple were also foster parents for over 20 years, fostering over 45 kids.

Chet enlisted in the United States Army in 1966, and proudly served until 1968. He worked at Swift for 10 years, and then went on to own Rockford Construction Company. He was baptized into the Methodist faith. In his spare time, Chet enjoyed leather working, woodworking, fishing, hunting, watching westerns, and going to the casinos.

Those left to cherish his memory are a host of family and friends including his wife, Alvina; sons, Dewayne (Teresa Ward) Rockford, Dustin (Karli) Rockford, Devin (Kendra) Rockford; foster sons, Gary Layman, Billy Layman; grandchildren, Katie, Dylan, Eloise, Kianna, Kayla, Tyler; great grandchildren, Kai, Brecklen, Jaden; brother, James Rockford; sister-in-law, Mary Dobrolovny; and special nephew, Dick (Cindy Janssen) Walton.

Chet was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, William, Dale, Alfred,

Warren, Merwin, Robert, Benny; and sisters, Elsie, Marge, and Susie.
Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

JAN 10. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

O'Neill Cemetery
113 North Jefferson St
O'Neill, NE

Tribute Wall

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“ Many memories of Uncle Chet and Aunt Alvina, one was never there without the other. One of the most memorable is when he bought us 15 cent hamburgers and fries from the Golden Point in Grand Island. Always generous. Another memory was when we visited shortly after they brought DeWayne home - sweet memories. He will be missed. ❤️

Diana Colfack - January 12, 2024 at 09:53 AM

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“ I remember as a child that Uncle Chet would load us kids all in his car and take us to A&W to get root beers. It was always a treat for us because we never had soda in our home. He was a very thoughtful & caring person. He made a cross for my sister Donna when she was killed in a car accident in Grand Island. You will be missed. Rest in peace, Uncle Chet.

Marilyn Sorensen - January 09, 2024 at 08:08 AM