



## Dana Krueger

January 15, 1963 - December 31, 2020

Dana Krueger, 57, of Valentine passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

A private family service will be held at 2pm on Saturday, January 9, 2021. Services will be at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island with Dan Naranjo officiating. Dana's service will be available via a live stream broadcast through All Faiths Funeral Home facebook page.

Memorials are suggested to the Valentine Volunteer Fire Department.

Dana was born on January 15, 1963 in Grand Island, NE son of Kay and Vera (Muhs) Krueger. He attended Grand Island Public Schools and graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1981. Dana earned his Bachelor Degree in Wildlife Range Management and Aquatics from the University of Idaho. He interned with the U.S. Forest Service in Montana then moved to Mississippi where he started a career in the commercial catfish industry where he raised and managed catfish. In 2000, Dana welcomed an opportunity to return to Nebraska. He accepted a position with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in their Fisheries Division – Calamus Hatchery, Burwell, NE. From there he became the Manager of the Valentine State Fish Hatchery in Valentine, NE. Currently, Dana was employed as the Natural Resource Supervisor for the Middle Niobrara Natural Resource District in Valentine. Dana was a lifetime member of the NRA and Valentine Volunteer Fire Department. He was an avid outdoorsman and always ready for an adventure. Dana loved to hunt and fish; especially with friends and family. He recently

fulfilled his dream of having his home overlook a canyon where he could watch nature right out his front door. He also accepted the challenges that come with building and took a lot of pride in finishing his own home. Dana was an Uncle his nephews and nieces looked up to and admired. He enjoyed sharing his love of the outdoors with them anytime he could.

Anyone who knew Dana appreciated his fun loving sense of humor and respected his work ethic.

Dana is survived by his mother, Vera Krueger of Grand Island; siblings, Doug (Cami) Krueger of Aurora, Dawn (Marvin) Lutz of St. Libory; special friend, Cindy Schroeder of Valentine; numerous nephews, nieces, aunts and uncles and many friends.

Dana was preceded in death by his father, Kay Krueger and his beloved dog, Crockett.

# Previous Events

## Private Family Service with Livestream

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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Grand Island, NE 68801  
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<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

# Tribute Wall

EB

“ I'm late to the tribute wall as I was just looking to reconnect with Dana. Dana and I lived in the same dorm room at University of Idaho. We were pretty close in college, but as with many relationships, we went our separate ways after graduation. When in school, we played cribbage MANY days right after lunch - penny a point. The rule was that if anyone ever got up by \$10 (a fortune to us!), they had to buy a pizza. I somehow managed to get up by \$10 and Dana ordered a pizza from Dominos who had a 30 minute delivery guarantee. The pizza was delivered 35 minutes later and Dana got it for free! Boy was he thrilled! We also played a lot of ping pong, intermural sports, and did a lot of what young men/boys do - had a TON of fun. I remember also that my parents loved Dana. He'd come home to Kellogg with me or my folks would be down visiting and they just loved being around this huge, vivacious, cheerful guy. I will miss him, and I truly regret the fact that I never got to see him face to face after our time at U of I. To all his friends and family who got to spend a lifetime with him - you are really fortunate! Eric Benson

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**Eric Benson** - April 29, 2025 at 01:11 PM

MR

“ Just heard from another friend of Dana's passing. I was a friend of his at the University of Idaho. Great Man. Sorry to hear (belatedly) of his passing...

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**Mickey Reasoner** - April 29, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ Dana Krueger

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Just yesterday I learned of Dana’s passing. I’m heartbroken that I’ll never get to hear him laugh again or tease me for my Mississippi accent (southern drawl at its finest!) I had the privilege of meeting Dana when he was here managing fish ponds and learning everything he could about the catfish industry. My dad worked with him and if you think Dana was a barrel of laughs and tons of fun, you should’ve had the privilege of being with both of them! The laughs, jokes, pranks, and fun literally never stopped when they were together. Dana was a true outdoorsman. He loved all things wildlife, outdoors, motorcycles, and Dr. Pepper and honey buns! My sincerest condolences to Dana’s family and friends! I’ll cherish the memories and remember his smile always! He is loved dearly and truly missed!

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**Michelle Cockrell** - June 30, 2021 at 01:46 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Bill McDonald** - January 09, 2021 at 11:45 AM

WM

“ *Our deepest condolences to Cindy and the rest of Dana's family. He is such a great guy and we already miss him so much. Dana was a fun and caring person, he always welcomed our family into his home. We enjoyed lots of laughs, time outdoors, and special times just sharing life's stories. We miss you, Dana, and lift you in our hearts and prayers; you will surely be welcomed with love and grace Into your peaceful rest. Happy Trails Our Friend! 💖*



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**Wendy Murphy** - January 09, 2021 at 10:39 AM

DI

“ First of all, my sincere condolences to Dana’s family. They are so very thoughtful and kind.

*A message for my best friend in college:*

*Dana, you will be missed. I cherished our 36 years of friendship and all the memories we had together. You were the big brother that I never had. We have shared so many memories, too many to list, but some of the highlights are your most recent trip to Idaho with your motorcycle friends. Fun times having a beer and seeing you so very happy, living out a dream. Our trip to Lake Powell on the houseboat, and all of our shenanigans in the sun! Your trip to Arizona to see me and my family, razor rides and a NASCAR race! However all the fun times, one memory sticks out above them all. One of our college weekends, making it to McCall and joining my entire family, including my parents and grandparents, and you telling jokes, most of them of “adult nature”, and laughing our ass off. An everlasting memory that displayed your jovial personality, loyalty as a friend, quick witted story teller, and kind hearted man. To this day, a famous line from arguably your best joke, “F\*\*k you one eye”. A legend of a joke.*

*I will miss you my dear friend, and I will see you when I get there, and we will continue our friendship. I love you man.*



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David Imel - January 09, 2021 at 10:01 AM

KM

“ Dana and I grew up together, not only as cousins, but also as friends. We played a lot of backyard/driveway football, participated in quite a few weeny roasts and barbeques, and even carried out a few misadventures. :) He was always reliably funny but also cared a great deal about those in his life and assuring his contributions of goodness in the world were meaningful and well placed. May God provide comfort and strength to all those that miss him.

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**Kevin Muhs** - January 09, 2021 at 01:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dana Krueger.



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January 08, 2021 at 11:29 PM

WM

“ Thanks for the great times and memories, Dana!



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**Wendy Murphy** - January 08, 2021 at 10:25 PM

WM


“ I am so saddened by the loss of Dana. He was such a fun, giving, and caring guy. He always welcomed our family into his home and we spent many times laughing, being outdoors. and sharing life's stories.



He was a dedicated member of the Valentine Fire Dept, and I had the honor and privilege of working with him as an EMT on various emergency calls and trainings.

Wwvsend our love and prayers to Cindy and the rest of Dana's family.

He will be welcomed with love and grace into his peaceful rest.

Hugs and Love,   
Wendy, Darby, and Michael Murphy

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Wendy Murphy - January 08, 2021 at 10:23 PM

CB

“ One of the best hunting and fishing buddies anyone could have. Sure as hell the funniest! Going to miss you Big D!.



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Craig Bockholt - January 08, 2021 at 02:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dana Krueger.*



January 08, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ *My thoughts & prayers go out to the Krueger family.*

**Bob DesLaurier** - January 08, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



**Craig Bockholt** - January 08, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Craig Bockholt & Tasha Anderson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dana Krueger.*



**Craig Bockholt & Tasha Anderson** - January 08, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Dana Krueger.*



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January 08, 2021 at 10:33 AM



Christine Lousias

“ *Blessings to Dana’s family. Dana and I had been on a few EMS calls together. He was a genuinely good man - a man of integrity and loyalty. I saw him the last day he was in Valentine. He spoke kindness with his eyes and with every ounce he had, he made sure he thanked every nurse and aid he saw in the hall as he left. That is the man called Dana. I regret not getting to know him better, perhaps I would have exercised my laugh more if I had. I am so sorry for the loss of this gentle man.*

*Christine Lousias  
EMT 153*

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**Christine Lousias** - January 08, 2021 at 10:26 AM



GN

“ *Grand Island Public School Nurses purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dana Krueger.*



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**Grand Island Public School Nurses** - January 08, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dana Krueger.*



January 07, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *The Bessey Nursery purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dana Krueger.*



**The Bessey Nursery** - January 07, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Valentine Hatchery Co-workers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dana Krueger.*



**Valentine Hatchery Co-workers** - January 06, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dana Krueger.*



January 06, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dana Krueger.*



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January 05, 2021 at 10:32 PM

 Linda  
Saxton

“ *Dana and I shared a lot of fun times in Mississippi, hunting and fishing. We really enjoyed rat hunting on the fish ponds. He had a heart of gold and a boastful laugh. Regrets to you, his family he left behind..May God bring comfort to your hearts.*

*Tim Saxton*

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**Linda Saxton** - January 05, 2021 at 05:22 PM

JB

“ I was lucky enough to grow up just down the street from the Kruegers. Dana and I in the same grade which meant A LOT of time spent laughing, goofing off and, of course, shooting buckets at the Krueger hoop and having a career record against Dana of probably less than 10 wins in 20,000 games of H.O.R.S.E. Haha. Dana had the craziest trick shots that he would pull out of his bag when he needed it! Playing football was another passion of Dana’s and he could chuck it a LONG way and pretty accurate from what I remember... loved being on his team! Dana, Doug, myself and my brother were in Boy Scouts together and we had some camping experiences I’m sure none of us have or will ever forgot (winter camping on the Platte River, trying to eat burnt chicken, merit badges at Camp Augustine, Dutch ovens - both kinds.....etc.). And yes, it’s true...Dana or Doug could turn a flock of geese from a mile away.... I scared them off when I tried, so I was happy to let them put their well-practiced goose calling techniques to good use. We all know Dana loved Nature. Dana, Wayne D and I, spent countless nights stargazing in the Krueger backyard, sleeping under the stars. Doug somehow managed a few times to sneak up on us.... and scare the crap out of us! I’ll never forget his friendship and memories from a great childhood growing up Nebraska. His passion to protect and enjoy Nature certainly rubbed off on me, as I’m sure it has for many people. Miss you, buddy!

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**Jerry Brown** - January 05, 2021 at 03:29 PM



So sorry to have received this news. I was a classmate of Dana's at GISH and played football with Doug. My heart goes out to the Krueger family during this difficult time.

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**Dave Hormann** - January 05, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dana Krueger.



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January 05, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dana Krueger.



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January 05, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *First of all, I would like to give my condolences to Dana’s family and loved ones. Besides being a dedicated, hard working and productive employee, Dana was a joy to be around. I always looked forward to seeing “Hacksaw,” as he came to be called after an impromptu wrestling match one night at a Fisheries Division meeting. I especially looked forward to hearing about the latest developments in the search for Bigfoot. Dana will be missed!*

*Don Gabelhouse, Jr.  
Retired Fisheries Division Administrator  
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission*

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**Don Gabelhouse, Jr.** - January 04, 2021 at 09:18 PM



*Well said, Don.*

*"2020" delivered one last gut punch with Dana's passing.*

*Those of us in Fisheries Division who worked with Dana will sure miss him. He was a great co-worker, and a great friend. I was privileged to work alongside him, share a lot of laughs, and even catch a fish or two.*

*We will always remember his poetic talents as well. I have one poem he wrote that will never leave my briefcase.*

*R.I.P. buddy.*

*Condolences to his family, so sorry for your loss,*

*Daryl Bauer  
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission*

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**Daryl Bauer** - January 08, 2021 at 12:29 PM

VD

“ *Valentine Volunteer Fire Dept. purchased the Fair est of All for the family of Dana Krueger.*



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**Valentine Volunteer Fire Dept.** - January 04, 2021 at 08:24 PM

TD

“ *Dana and I played trumpet together in high school always had a smile and was a goofball lol! Thoughts and prayers for his family*



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**Trenna Davis** - January 04, 2021 at 01:22 PM

KG

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Kristal Groetzinger - January 04, 2021 at 12:51 PM

VD

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Valentine Fire Department - January 03, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dana Krueger.



January 03, 2021 at 03:26 PM

VD

“ Dana was a dedicated fireman who made drills, meetings, the wives appreciation party, and cook committee fun. He was very artistic when making the posters for the wives appreciation party and created a wooden Maltese for us to put patches from other fire departments on. He will definitely be missed. Rest in peace F-11.



Valentine Fire Department - January 03, 2021 at 03:05 PM

BL

Thankyou Dana for all the great times we had in college at the University of Idaho. Fish and hunting and for just being a good friend. I'm sorry we lost touch all these years but I'm very happy you contacted me again last summer on your trip through Idaho. Our conversations in that short time filled in all the gaps in the lost years. I'm happy having known you in this life and I'll see you in the next. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOU FAMILY. Bill Leach.

Bill Leach & Diane Leach - January 04, 2021 at 02:37 PM

TC

“ We will miss his laughter, his smile and his bigger than life personality.



Tess Canet - January 03, 2021 at 12:45 PM