



David Kolbet

July 29, 1957 - December 30, 2020

David W. Kolbet, 63, of Grand Island passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Omaha.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home on Monday.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Fr. Marty Egging will officiate. Burial will follow at Parkview Cemetery in Hastings with military honors.

Memorials are designated the Wounded Warriors Project in David's name.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

David was born on July 29, 1957 in Athens, Greece, son of Arthur and Margaret (McIntyre) Kolbet. With his father enlisted in the military, David grew up in many different states and countries. He graduated from St. Cecilia's High School in Hastings and enlisted in the U.S. Army. After receiving his honorable discharge from the Army, David enlisted in the U.S. Marines on May 7, 1982. He served in Desert Storm and Operation Home in Somalia. He retired on May 31, 1999.

On November 17, 1984 he married Diane Pritchard after meeting in Yuma,

AZ. Diane followed David as he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan and briefly in California before returning to Yuma, AZ. Following David's retirement from the Marines, they made their home in Grand Island, where David was the Security Director at the Conestoga Mall in Grand Island. He later was employed at Wal-Mart until his health lead him to retire.

David began life with a determination to thrive, he was born premature and not expected to live. With this mindset from the beginning, he was competitive and naturally a little stubborn. He enjoyed playing board games and card games. He enjoyed fishing with his brothers, nieces and nephews. David was a great man who shared his love and determination with all.

He is survived by his wife, Diane of Grand Island; children, Natasha (Michael) Gillen of Mesa, AZ, and Aaron Kolbet of Grand Island; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; siblings, Adrian (Annette "Dilly") Kolbet of Bellville, IL, Art (Laurie) Kolbet of Hastings, Cheyrl (Bill) Wellman of Westpoint, IA, and Darrin Kolbet (Tim Marlow) of Lake Zurich, IL; along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

David was preceded in death by his parents, and infant sister, Karen Jean Kolbet.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Grand Island, NE 68801
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Celebration of Life Service

JAN 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Parkview Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *David Kolbet*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Dave's family. I graduated from ST.C with Dave. Jennifer (Konen) Fricke*

Jennifer (Konen) Fricke - January 07, 2021 at 11:58 PM



“ *Jennifer (Konen) Fricke lit a candle in memory of David Kolbet*



Jennifer (Konen) Fricke - January 07, 2021 at 11:52 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Greg Giespert - January 06, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ Had just recently met you David. But was looking forward to many more conversations with you. Rest easy Marine, we have the watch now. Till we meet again at the pearly gates. Semper Fi Brother.

Shawn Nienhueser - January 04, 2021 at 07:16 PM



“ I met Dave about 1980 when a job brought me to Hastings. I worked nights and would go to the Gas and Shop to get coffee. We had talked several times before he talked about his sisters wedding at the Fair Grounds. This fit the description of a wedding my dad described as a relatives wedding. We figured out that we were second cousins. Although second cousins are distant cousins the Giespert and Kolbet familys date back to Immigration in the 1850's. The Giepert's immigrated from Germany, The Kolbet's from Luxembourg. Both familys ended up in North Washington, Chickasaw County, Iowa. My Great Grandfather and Family, Dave's 3rd Great Grandfather both got homestead land grants (160 acres) in Frontier County, Nebraska. I do not know if they knew each other in Iowa but they sure did in Nebraska. Two of my Grandfather's sisters married two Kolbet brothers. One of the Kolbet brothers being Fred Kolbet, Dave's Great-Great Grandfather.

Greg Giespert - January 04, 2021 at 06:02 PM



I need to make a correction on my tribute Dated January 4, 2021. It was Dave's Great-Great Grandfather (Leonard Carl Kolbet) that immigrated from Luxembourg (3rd great was an error). Fred Kolbet was Dave's Great Grandfather (Great-Great was an error) who married my Grandfather. Generation difference was due to my Grandfather marrying late in life.

Greg Giespert - April 21, 2021 at 04:46 PM

NJ

“ With deepest sympathy from Mark and Nancy Johnson. Dave and Mark had a lot of good times and memories from high school. May he Rest In Peace.

Nancy Johnson - January 04, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Kolbet.



January 04, 2021 at 08:50 AM

CD

“ So sorry to hear of David's passing. I graduated with David in 1975 from Hastings St. Cecilia. I remember him as a very kind person. Was glad to read about his life's accomplishments. He served our country well and I thank him for that. RIP David and my condolences to his family.

Cindy Dykeman - January 03, 2021 at 10:00 PM

CG

“ Clan Giespert purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of David Kolbet.



Clan Giespert - January 03, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Kolbet.*



January 02, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Kolbet.*



January 01, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *My Husband Frank and I met David & Diane when we lived in Yuma.. We had such a wonderful friendship with both of them.. We spent many evenings playing dominoes and lots of great memories of activities at the VFW.. I remember the night David, Frank & Henry Perez sang karaoke.. Clowns to the left jokers to the right.. Stuck in the middle with you... Frank and David spent time fishing together or rather Frank fished while David fed their crackers to the ducks.. That particular fishing trip was a long standing joke to them. Across the miles and through the years we have stayed in touch.. David was a wonderful friend and will be dearly missed.. May God give you comfort for your loss and strength for your new journey.. Sending you love & prayers..*

linda kruger - January 01, 2021 at 05:18 PM