



David Robert Mabon

October 14, 1948 - February 6, 2022

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the death of David Robert Mabon, who died Sunday February 6, 2022 in Grand Island, while surrounded by loved ones.

Celebration of Life will be Thursday Feb. 17th, 2 P.M., at the Phillips Community Center Phillips, NE. Memorials are suggested to the Phillips Cemetery- Tree Project.

David Robert Mabon was born October 14, 1948 to Robert C. Mabon and Betty (Cornelius) Mabon in Aurora. David lived on a farm near Phillips where his family was involved in dairy cows and row crop farming. When Dave was a junior in high school the operation changed to a beef/ cow/calf and row crop operation. Dave was in 4-H, he played sports both in the summers and during his years attending Phillips Consolidated Public Schools. He was inspired by his high school coaches Rod Clement and Larry Dillon to become involved in coaching and teaching Physical Education, as he advanced his education. Dave was a graduate of Phillips High School in 1966, the year Phillips High School closed its doors.

While attending Kearney State College, Dave lettered four years in football. In 1967, he played on KSC undefeated football team, which is now recognized as a "Team of Distinction" at UNK. On February 22, 1970, Dave married Terri G. Mabon in Lincoln, NE. Dave and wife, Terri, both received degrees in education, graduating in 1971. Dave taught and coached in Newman Grove, NE from 1971 to 1974.

His family, including daughter Dawn and son Derek, moved to Grand Island in 1974. Dave taught Physical Education in the Elementary Schools for 7 years until 1981. In 1981, he changed jobs and became a bank employee. The banking industry was part of his life for 6 years. In 1987, he returned to his first love, teaching P.E. in the Grand Island Public Elementary Schools until his retirement. He taught 34 years, teaching at several of the Elementary Schools, where he enjoyed working with many students. He especially enjoyed the After School Program, where the students, not only learned skills, but were able to display their talents to their parents and the community. Dave continued his education with graduate studies, attaining a Master's Degree in 1996 and a plus 45 in 2003.

For many years, he farmed during the summer, as farming was in his blood. In 1988, Dave & family moved from Grand Island to the Phillips area where they lived on land once owned by Dave's great grandfather Charles Barr Mabon. Dave enjoyed living in the Phillips area, where he was surrounded by relatives and former classmates and many friends. He had been looking forward to chairing this years' Alumni Banquet.

Family and Family History were very important to Dave. He loved having family visit & vacationing with family. He and Terri had many adventures with the grandchildren, highlights being weeks spent on the farm & attending summer class at Stuhr Museum. Dave was thrilled when Bailey & Aaron made him a great grandfather. He enjoyed trips to Kearney to watch Jaclyn cheer at UNK events and time with Brett roasting marshmallows at the river pasture. The Platte River provided much enjoyment for Dave and family.

He is survived by his wife Terri, children, Dawn (Mark) Waage, and Derek Mabon; his grandchildren; Bailey (Aaron) Langford, Jaclyn Mabon, Brett Waage, and great grandson, Jude Langford; brother, James (Sallie) Mabon, sister, Susan (Richard) Summers; aunts, Marise Hopkins, Royce Mabon, and Carol Mabon; sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws Sandi & Dan Hansen, Vicki and Dean Wampler, Bobbi and Mike Rezac and brother-in-law, John Belz; many cousins, nieces and nephews. He enjoyed and loved them all.

In August of this year Dave's beloved daughter-in-law, Deborah Mabon, wife of Derek & mother of Jaclyn died. He was also proceeded in death by his parents, and his brother, Douglas Mabon.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 17. 2:00 PM.

Phillips Community Center
Phillips, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *David Robert Mabon*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of David Robert Mabon.*



February 15, 2022 at 08:39 PM

RH

“ *Dear Terrie and Mabon Family. Very saddened by the loss of David, husband, father, grand father. He had a great life and I enjoyed him immensely. Indeed, it seemed as if, he was a light to us and all who knew him. You have ou deepest condolences and best wishes. Bob, Yong and Jay*

Robert Heuermann - February 15, 2022 at 11:46 AM

BH

“ *Bob, Yong and Jay Heuermann purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of David Robert Mabon.*



Bob, Yong and Jay Heuermann - February 15, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Robert Mabon.*



February 14, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Mr. Mabon was THE BEST! He was so much fun to have as a PE teacher at Howard. I was also honored to be able to teach with him at Newell and help with the after school programs put on by the PE teachers in the district. He was always so kind and positive. My sincerest sympathies in your loss. May God wrap you all in His loving arms bringing you comfort, strength, and peace. Jacy Rodysill Horst*

Jacy Horst - February 11, 2022 at 11:56 PM



“ *Terri: So sorry to hear about Dave. I have always enjoyed you and him from softball to the bank. He was always good at what he did. Our Prayers are with you and the family. I know he will be missed. Tom and Sonya Collins*

Tom Collins - February 11, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ *Terri and family,
Sending hugs & prayers during this difficult time. May God hold you in his loving arms and comfort you.
In deepest sympathy,
Ruth & Max Mendyk*

Ruth Mendyk - February 10, 2022 at 05:40 PM

JD

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dave's death. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Julie Doescher

julie doescher - February 10, 2022 at 04:56 PM

MO

“ Terri and Family

I just received a phone call from a college roommate at Kearney (Greg Wibbels) informing me of Dave's passing. I fondly remember you and David from Kearney and attending your wedding in Lincoln. Dave and I played football at Kearney. Terri, so enjoyed hearing from you with our exchange of yearly Xmas cards. I can still recall where you grew up on 66th street just over the tail road tracks. Every time I traveled down that street I would think of you and Dave. May Dave Rest In Peace and watch over you and your family. With sincere sympathy Mike Olenski.

Mike Olenski - February 10, 2022 at 01:05 PM

MP

“ Terri and Family,
So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Hugs and Prayers and Sympathies to you and all your family.

Merna (Bottolfson) Parmenter - February 09, 2022 at 08:40 PM

SN

*Terri and family,
So sorry to hear this. Dave was a great friend of mine and coworker. I enjoyed talking with him in the mornings you all can be very proud of him as he was such a gentleman and I will miss him greatly.*

Stan nelson - February 10, 2022 at 11:14 AM

LG

Terri and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of a schoolmate and good friend, Prayers and thoughts are sent your way for the journey you have ahead. Take care, R.I.P. Dave, will miss you.

Leonard Shorty Grudzinski - February 10, 2022 at 12:11 PM

TO

Dave was a good teammate and Loper leader. May his memory be eternal.

Tim O'Dea - February 10, 2022 at 02:23 PM