



Donald J. Ruzicka

June 18, 1939 - December 16, 2019

Donald J. Ruzicka, 80 of Grand Island died Monday, December 16, 2019. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 AM Saturday, December 21st at St. Mary's Cathedral. Celebrating Mass will be Father James Golka. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-6 PM Friday with a 6 PM Rosary at All Faiths Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Don was born on the family farm near Polk, NE on June 18, 1939 the son of Joseph and Helen (Janky) Ruzicka. The family moved to a farm near Chapman with Don attending District 29 Country School. He was part of the first graduating class from Grand Island Central Catholic in 1957. He received his degree from Milford College in auto mechanics in 1961. Don was married to Patricia Carraher for 18 years. This union was blessed with children Dan and Anne.

Don was self-employed owning Ruzicka Carburetor and Tune-up for the last 45 years on Stolley Park Road. Prior to that he owned Don's Tune-up located on the corner where the current YMCA is now. Don was a member of many car clubs. He loved 1955 thru 1964 Chevy's.

Those left to cherish his memory are his son, Dan (Lisa) Ruzicka of Grand Island; daughter, Anne (Jamie) Deterding of Lincoln; grandchildren, Renee (Brian) Darling, Eric Ruzicka, Jackson Deterding, Bailey Deterding and Elise Deterding; great-granddaughter, Addison Darling; siblings, Jan (Warren) Wheeler, Joann (Randy) Karl, Cheryl (Norm) Nietfeldt, Doris (Chuck) Winkler,

Susan Stueben and sister-in-law, Chris Ruzicka.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ray Ruzicka; brothers-in-law, Tim Stueben and Wayne Riecker; cousin, Charles Jisa whom he grew up with; infant siblings, Joseph and Victoria and his special dear friend, Dotti Menke, whom meant a lot to the family.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Cathedral
112 S Cedar St
Grand Island, NE 68801-5897
(308) 384-2523

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald J. Ruzicka*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *The Schwanebeck's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald J. Ruzicka.*



The Schwanebeck's - December 19, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ *My Deepest Condolences to Don's family. Don always was very kind & treated me fair fixing my cars. Hugs*

Linda Willman - December 19, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *Dan.. I was so sorry to hear of your father's passing.. You have my deepest sympathy and prayers. Love, Dee Ewoldt*

dee ewoldt - December 18, 2019 at 07:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald J. Ruzicka.*



December 18, 2019 at 04:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald J. Ruzicka.*



December 18, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald J. Ruzicka.*



December 18, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Don with his family over the years*



jamie Deterding - December 17, 2019 at 06:14 PM



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