



Donnie Chavez

November 1, 1957 - February 14, 2015

“Donnie” Donaciano Chavez, 57 of Grand Island went to his eternal home Saturday, February 14, 2015 at CHI-Health St. Francis. To honor Donnie’s caring spirit, the gift of organ and tissue donation has been given in order to save the lives of others.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Celebrating Mass will be Father Richard L. Piontkowski. Burial will be in the cemetery. All are invited to wear Husker red.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday with a Rosary at 7 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Donnie was born November 1, 1957 at Grand Island the son of Thomas and Mary (Reynaga) Chavez.

Survivors are his wife, Nancy; daughter, Serena; brother, Mike (Gloria) Chavez of Torrington, WY; sisters, Yolanda (Saul) Nuncio of Grand Island and Reynalda (Sam) Nuncio of Shelton; nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins and many friends.

He was welcomed into heaven by his parents and grandparents.

Donnie was raised in Grand Island graduating from Grand Island Senior High, class of 1977. He was united in marriage to Nancy Hendrix on June 29, 1996. He has worked at Sears for the past 12 years.

Donnie is a member of St. Mary’s Cathedral and the Saddle Club and served on the Ethnic Festival committee. He loved Husker Football, playing golf, trains and 4th of July celebrations. Most of all he loved his family and friends.

Donnie was a proud husband, father and brother. As we give thanks for his wonderful life we celebrate that he is a child of God.

A memorial fund will be established in memory of Donnie.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall



“ *Donnie Chavez*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Nancy, Serena, and family: We are so sorry to hear of Donnie's death. He was always so friendly and interested in how Linda and Brian were doing. Torrey enjoyed working with him at Sears. I found him to be so easy to talk to when I would stop in Sears. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy and Torrey Kloppenborg*

Torrey and Nancy Kloppenborg - February 23, 2015 at 09:08 PM



“ *I knew Donnie through our days at Walnut Junior High--we wrestled together...I am sorry to hear of his loss and will keep his family in my thoughts.*

Stan Schwieger

Stan Schwieger - February 22, 2015 at 07:29 AM



“ *Nancy & Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. I pray our Lord will give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless!*

Jody Purdie (Rodenbaugh)

Jody Purdie - February 21, 2015 at 11:20 AM

BK

“ Mrs. Chavez and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Baylie Knouse - February 21, 2015 at 07:25 AM

DH

“ Nancy,

I am so sorry to hear about your husband's death. Please know that you are in our prayers.

Devon and Chuck Hamner

Devon Hamner - February 20, 2015 at 03:16 PM

DR

“ Nancy, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Donnie. He waited on us several times at Sears selling us several of our appliances. We always ended up talking about you and the good"ole" times we had back in High School. You and your family will be in our prayers. Mark and Debra Rouse(Slobaszewski)

Debra Rouse(Slobaszewski) - February 20, 2015 at 01:19 PM

KR

“ To the Chavez family our deepest sympathy and may the angels greet him into paradise and may the memories bring you comfort in the days ahead. Zenon & Kathy Rivera.

Kathy Rivera - February 20, 2015 at 12:05 PM

KN

“ *Kay Nutzman lit a candle in memory of Donnie Chavez*



Kay Nutzman - February 20, 2015 at 10:29 AM

SS

“ *I worked with Donnie at Budweiser back in the day. What a wonderful guy and full of life! He trained me to do my job in the warehouse, because he was moving up to become a driver. That man was so proud, and I am honored to say that I knew Donnie very well. This world was a better place with him in it. You will be missed Mr. CHAVEZ! I will see you on the other side my old friend!*

Your old friend,

Sean Schwieger

Sean Schwieger - February 20, 2015 at 08:30 AM

JM

“ *Nancy I am so sorry . I just want u to know I am sending prayers and lov to u and Serena . If I can do anything please call . Just know I am thinking of u so much hugs my friend. Would u tell Yolanda I am thinking of her also. Donnie was a special person. Lov to all*

Judy and Ben Murphy - February 19, 2015 at 10:55 PM

JL

“ Chavez Family ,
Sorry to hear of Donnie's passing.i knew
Donnie from sears.
He was a always polite and a nice person.
Donnie will be missed by many,



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Jasper Leago

Jasper Leago - February 19, 2015 at 08:25 PM



“ Nancy you have my deepest sympathy! So heartbreaking for you
and your Daughter! I hope that you are comforted by all of the
thoughtful comments by so many people expressing what a
wonderful man Donnie was. Thoughts and prayers are with you.
Brad & Deb (Sielaff) Schrack

Deb Schrack - February 19, 2015 at 04:11 PM

“ *In the Arms of Jesus*

*My body was weak and trembled in fear
knowing no cure for me would be here.
Outside I was calm but quivered inside.
From the whole world my pain I could hide.*

*To catch a quick nap I closed my eyes.
But first I assured you that love never dies.
Each time I awoke my body's still weak.
To you I was brave while rest did I seek.*

*The day had arrived when sleep did I find.
My eyes calmly closed and rest was so kind.
Sleep quickly came to my body and soul.
I awakened in heav'n pain free and whole.*

*A wonderful surprise awaited me here
in the arms of Jesus who held me so near.
What a beautiful world in which I awoke,
rainbows and music and angels that spoke.*

*He smiled so gently and sweetly he said,
My child, welcome home. Your pain is now dead.
No words can describe the joy that I feel.
So dry your sad eyes, it's you that must heal.*

*One day you will come to our heavenly home
no more will your tortured soul need to roam.
Some day my love you'll be with me here
in the arms of Jesus free of all fear.*

*We'll dance on rainbows and walk in the sun
and watch the snow fall on deer as they run.*

*Together we'll walk and hear angels sing,
watch heaven's sunsets so splendid they ring.*

Joan A Kimminau

Joan A Kimminau - February 19, 2015 at 10:52 AM

KM

“ *Nancy and Serena,
Cant even imagine the pain and heart break you must be going
through right now. I am praying the God will wrap his arms around
the two of you and give you strength to get through this. Hugs to
you.*

Kathy McCray and family

Kathy McCray - February 19, 2015 at 10:21 AM

JD

“ *Nancy, You have spread your joy so far for your family and for
others. We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Donnie. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you. Donnie was blessed to have
such a blessing in his life as you. Sincerely, Terry and Judy Desch*

Judy Desch - February 19, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *Donnie was always fun to work with, and so kind. Thoughts for your
family.*

Gustavo Zavala - February 18, 2015 at 08:55 PM

NK

“ I am so sorry to hear about your husband's death. May the loving support of family and friends give you the strength to get through each day, and may the memories of all of the good times together bring you some measure of comfort and peace.

*In Sincere Sympathy,
Nancy Klimek*

Nancy Klimek - February 18, 2015 at 08:53 PM

OU

“ Very wonderful man, father, husband, brother and friend. Thoughts and Prayers to Nancy and Serena and also all those he surrounded himself with. A wonderful man now watching down on us all. Thoughts and prayers.

Darren & Olivia Urwiller and family

Olivia Urwiller - February 18, 2015 at 06:22 PM

SB

“ Sue (Arent) Barlow lit a candle in memory of Donnie Chavez



Sue (Arent) Barlow - February 18, 2015 at 06:15 PM



“ *Donnie was always kind and a friend in school and out of school! He will be missed by many!
Praying for his Family and may he Rest In Peace!*

Brenda Pedrosa

Brenda Musick - February 18, 2015 at 05:52 PM



AH

“ *So very sorry for your loss Nancy and family. Donny was such a nice guy, no matter where he was he always found the time to say hello! And what an amazing thing to be an organ donor to so many people. What an inspiration! He will be missed!*

Annie Briseno Hansen - February 18, 2015 at 04:40 PM

J(

“ *My heart goes out to the Chavez Family. Nancy and Serena I don't even know what to say. he was a wonderful, cheerful man Nancy when I bought my appliances @ Sears we were discussing family and when he spoke of You and Serena His eyes lit up. He would give that big smile and (Like this one) and he turned out to be Reynalda's brother it made me smile because I went to school with Reynalda and she was one of my best memories and Best friends. Chavez family I can't even know where to know what you are going through. my heart and Prayers go out to all of you. God Bless You !!*

Jo Ellen Fultz (Davis) - February 18, 2015 at 04:30 PM



BL

“ BRIDGET LONG lit a candle in memory of Donnie Chavez



BRIDGET LONG - February 18, 2015 at 04:22 PM

BL

Nancy i am so sad for you and Serena and all of Donnie's family Donnie was such a special man he always stop to talk always said hi he is a great man and will be remembered as such !! I send you all my love and prayers

BRIDGET LONG - February 18, 2015 at 04:28 PM



“ Courtney Sindelar lit a candle in memory of Donnie Chavez



Courtney Sindelar - February 18, 2015 at 01:57 PM

Alan Mars

“ 1 file added to the album Donnie



Alan Mars - February 18, 2015 at 01:11 PM



Took this photo at one of the few morning meetings I did attend

Alan Mars - February 18, 2015 at 08:17 PM

KA

“ *Nancy and all the family, You are in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. Donnie was a special guy who lived a meaningful, and wonderful life. Cherish all his memories and know he will be in your hearts forever.*

Kathi Matejka

Kathi - February 18, 2015 at 12:56 PM

AB

“ *Alison R Bruha lit a candle in memory of Donnie Chavez*



Alison R Bruha - February 18, 2015 at 12:19 PM

AB

Nancy and Serena, and all of Donnie's family, Donnie will be missed by many people, he never forgot you and always asked about the kids. he was a great guy and would do anything for you in a heartbeat! Hugs and prayers to all...

Alison & Kent

Alison Bruha - February 18, 2015 at 12:21 PM

CL

Nancy and Chavez Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Cherish the memories and he will always remain in your heart. Hugs and prayers..... Cindy Lane

Cindy Lane - February 18, 2015 at 06:16 PM

RO

“ Donnie was one of the first people I met in Grand Island.....that's when I knew I would live here....seeing his friendly face at the Glass Bar....walking two blocks in three feet of snow to have a Blizzard Party, celebrating Donnie and Nancy's wedding with a BudLight wedding cake (hard to slice due to the cans of beer). He will be missed.....watch over us Donnie....<3

Randy Ortega - February 18, 2015 at 11:57 AM

PB

“ I am deeply saddened for you, Nancy, and your daughter. As you know, Donnie was one of the most approachable persons, always so thoughtful and happy. Joe and I used to have lots of great times with him years ago. You and Serena are in my thoughts and prayers. He is truly an angel.

Pam Ballard-Roberts - February 18, 2015 at 10:21 AM

DP

“ Our deepest sympathies - Don and Donna Preisendorf



donna preisendorf - February 18, 2015 at 09:22 AM

BM

“ *Donnie was a good friend in school and out of school and any time I ran into him later had welcoming, kind words! He will be missed! Sending prayers to his family and may he Rest In Peace!*

Brenda Pedrosa

brenda musick - February 18, 2015 at 09:21 AM



LM

“ *You will be missed Donnie! What a great person and the fun we use to have with the Ethnic festival. My prayers and thoughts are with Nancy and your daughter and the rest of the family.*

Lynnette Marshall - February 18, 2015 at 09:20 AM

LR

“ *Donnie that smile will be greatly missed. Even on a bad day you were always smiling. God bless your family and friends in this difficult time. Truly are and always were an Angel*

lori radke - February 18, 2015 at 08:38 AM



“ *Donnie will be missed. He had a great personality always made me smile & so friendly. Sending prayers out to his family. MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY,
Katina Hemmer*

Katina Hemmer - February 18, 2015 at 08:31 AM



GR

“ *Donnie was always so positive when we would run into each other. Remember the times I would stop by as kids on our way to school. My deepest condolences. Love you all, from cousin Georgie.*

George Ramirez - February 18, 2015 at 07:58 AM

SF

“ *Steve & Barbara Fuller lit a candle in memory of Donnie Chavez*



Steve & Barbara Fuller - February 18, 2015 at 07:41 AM

BF

Dear Nancy, Thinking of you and your baby girl. So sorry for you and all of Donnie's family. Hugs & Love, Barb Fuller

Barb Fuller - February 18, 2015 at 07:46 AM

CG

All my prayers are with you, at this time .

crystal gangwish - February 18, 2015 at 02:32 PM

MG

“ *I have mega memories of all the great times we had condolences to all of his family and friends you're in very special hands now buddy your good friend Mike Green*

mike green - February 18, 2015 at 04:20 AM

KK

“ Have been praying for you all from



Kevin Kreifels - February 18, 2015 at 12:14 AM

KK

“ Have been praying for you all from



Kevin Kreifels - February 18, 2015 at 12:14 AM

LI

“ Your voice will be so missed, especially during the Nebraska football games! Goooo Big Red!



Lisa - February 17, 2015 at 11:08 PM

BD

“ Bob DesLaurier lit a candle in memory of Donnie Chavez



Bob DesLaurier - February 17, 2015 at 08:59 PM

LS

“ Nancy, Serena and family,
My entire family sends our deepest sympathy and love to all of you!
Praying that happy memories bring you continued comfort and
peace!

♥-Linda Campbell Schlapfer

Linda Campbell Schlapfer - February 17, 2015 at 08:20 PM

DW

“ Thoughts and prayers. Donnie was a special,
kind person, who will be missed.
Darlene Woitaszewski



Darlene Woitaszewski - February 17, 2015 at 08:14 PM

MK

“ My heart is so sad for for your pain. May you
find comfort in your memories. Your love for
each other will get all of you through this
difficult time. Many prayers and blessings
being sent to Nancy, Serena, Yolanda, Mike,
Reynalda and all of his family.



Micki DeLeon Kenyon - February 17, 2015 at 08:06 PM

TG

“ Donnie was such a nice person. He will be missed.

Tammi Garrels - February 17, 2015 at 06:36 PM

SM

“ *Shane Martinez lit a candle in memory of Donnie Chavez*

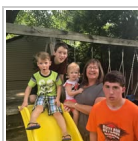


Shane Martinez - February 17, 2015 at 05:36 PM

CT

Yoyo , Mike and family,so sorry to hear of the loss of Donnie. As a child I see him being by your sides.May God give you peace and understanding.Connie Thompson(Hancock)

connie Thompson(Hancock) - February 18, 2015 at 09:33 AM



“ *Deb Regier lit a candle in memory of Donnie Chavez*



Deb Regier - February 17, 2015 at 05:02 PM



“ *Fae Schuster Morgan lit a candle in memory of Donnie Chavez*



Fae Schuster Morgan - February 17, 2015 at 01:34 PM



Nancy our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless you all during this difficult time.

Fae Schuster Morgan - February 17, 2015 at 01:36 PM

 Deb
Jarzynka

“ *Deb Jarzynka lit a candle in memory of
Donnie Chavez*



Deb Jarzynka - February 17, 2015 at 12:35 PM

 Deb
Jarzynka

*Randy worked with Donnie at H&H. So sorry for your loss. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this difficult
time. Randy & Deb (Ross) Jarzynka*

Deb Jarzynka - February 17, 2015 at 12:39 PM

DL

*Donnie was a great friend and will be dearly missed. My prayers go out
to his family, I am so sorry for your loss.
Doyle Lemkau*

Doyle Lemkau - February 17, 2015 at 10:55 PM