



Herbert W. "Herb" Mettenbrink

April 23, 1961 - June 20, 2020

Herbert W. "Herb" Mettenbrink, 80, of Grand Island passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2020.

Memorial service and celebration of Herb's life will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church. Reverend Adam Snoberger will officiate. A private burial of ashes will be at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Navy and Grand Island Honor Guard. Herb was born February 23, 1940 in Grand Island, the son of Walter and Hazel (Neubert) Mettenbrink. He grew up in Grand Island, receiving his education in Grand Island and Chapman, graduating from Chapman High School in 1958.

He entered the United States Navy in December of 1958 and was honorably discharged December 17, 1962. On April 23, 1961, Herb married Gloria Shalberg, and there were three children born to this union. The marriage ended after 20 years. On July 11, 1982, Herb married Mary Martinez and acquired six step-daughters. He was employed by New Holland in Lexington and then in Grand Island for 30 years, before retiring in 1995.

Herb was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the American Legion. He was a lifelong Husker fan and enjoyed playing golf, camping, hunting and fishing. When his children were home, he coached Little League Baseball. During harvest he liked to help his relatives in the fields. He and Mary also enjoyed traveling to Yuma, Arizona in the winters.

Survivors include his children, Wendy (Mike) Bates of Norman, OK, Todd

(Cathy) Mettenbrink of Oklahoma City, OK, and Troy Mettenbrink of Grand Island; stepdaughters, Maxine (Rod) Berry of Loomis, Alice (Tim) Speak of Lexington, Mary (Jeff) Steele of Lyndon, IL, Pat (Rod) Ridenour of Holdrege, Carm (Robert) Hinrichs of Bruning, and Angela (John) Fritton of Lexington. He is also survived by grandchildren, Jessica Bates, Reid, Grant and Elise Mettenbrink, and Blake Mettenbrink; step-grandchildren, Nicole (Aaron) Mattson, Camela (Brian) Houston, Allison (Adam) Perry, Ashley Speak, Miranda (Scott) Wetzell, Ryan Steele, Lindsey Steele (Matt Swanson), Mandy (Jeff) Wemhoff, Thomas (Angela) Ridenour, Josh Hinrichs, Jake (Joy) Fritton, Marie (Tyler) McConahay, Marcus Fritton, and Britney White; great-grandchildren, Dylan White, Genesis and Alexis Ramirez, and Tashaun Boston; step great-grandchildren, Aidan, Addison and Avery Perry, Olivia, Naomi and Bridgette Mattson, Colt and Peyton Houston, Madison and Harper Wetzell, Jamie Steele, Grace and Mateo Swanson, Zoey and Rowen McConahay, Lillian Lustgraff, Landon and Lauren Wemhoff, Lily and Adelaide Fritton, and Isla and Mya Ridenour; and two great great-grandchildren, Bentley and Dominick White.

Additional survivors include brothers, Harlan (Mary) Mettenbrink of Wimberly, TX and Roger (Becky) Mettenbrink of Grand Island; sister, Ruth McGee of Grand Island; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Mettenbrink; his parents; grandson, Jason Bates; and brother-in-law, Dennis McGee.

Memorials are suggested to the GRACE Cancer Foundation.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Herbert W. "Herb" Mettenbrink*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Condolences to the Mettenbrink family. Many good memories of the years with Herb at New Holland.*



Doyle Hulme - June 25, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ *sorry for your loss , we live in Lexington & Glenn worked with Herb at New Holland . sending prayers to the family .*

Darlene Duering - June 24, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ *Todd and Troy were my son's Joel Bean's best friends until we moved from Lexington to Aurora, NE in 1978 and Herb was their baseball coach and a second dad. Unfortunately, Joel died of a massive heart attach two years ago in March. His family lives in Kearney, NE. They are two kids who play(ed) sports and Joel remembered to teach them simple tricks taught by Herb. "Always put your hand under the glove you are catching with in case the ball doesn't want to stay in the glove". A good rule for life. Patricia Bean Gage*

Patricia Gage - June 24, 2020 at 10:48 AM

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Sorry for your loss he will be missed. Dorothy Lilienthal

Dorothy Lilienthal - June 24, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Herbert W. "Herb" Mettenbrink.*



June 24, 2020 at 09:36 AM

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“ *Dear Mettenbrink family, Our Sincere Sympathy to the entire family. May you find Peace, and hope in the days to come. Thinking of you all. John & Tami (Tjaden) Reynolds.*



Tami Reynolds - June 24, 2020 at 09:11 AM

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“ *Hugs and prayers to all. Jerry and I have lots of great memories of Herb and watching the kids grow up.*

Sue & Jerry - June 24, 2020 at 08:46 AM