



## Kenneth L Santin

August 19, 1943 - June 27, 2022

Kenneth Lee Santin (Ken), 78, of Grand Island, Nebraska died peacefully on June 27, 2022.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 1, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Funeral services and celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at All Faiths Funeral Home followed by a burial at 12:00 p.m. at Fullerton Cemetery.

Ken was born on August 19, 1943, in Central City, Nebraska to Fred and Blanche Santin and grew up on his family's farm northwest of Central City.

He attended District 55 County School until eighth grade and then went onto Fullerton High School. Ken participated in many activities during his time in school and was a star football player in high school as a defensive guard for the Fullerton Warriors. He was also a member of Future Farmers of America and received many awards for his work in agriculture. Outside of school Ken spent much of his time throughout his high school years farming for his father, other family members and as well as farming the land he rented.

After graduating high school, Ken continued to farm for a couple of years before joining the Guards in 1962, where he was placed in the Special Reserve Force. He trained every weekend and was in the top one percent of

his class in exercise training. He remained in the reserves for six years.

In 1966, Ken started his career at Kriz Davis Electric in Grand Island, Nebraska. Starting in the warehouse, he worked his way up to sales and then on to lighting and automation design and ultimately estimating. He worked hard to bring new technology to the company and was known for his customer relations and customer service all over central Nebraska. Ken dedicated 38 years to Kriz Davis before retiring in 2004.

In 1966, Ken met his wife Sally in Grand Island. They were married in 1967 at the Little Church of the West in Las Vegas, Nevada. Las Vegas was a place they loved to vacation often as a family as well as vacationing in Alaska. In 1974, they were blessed with twin sons, David and Daniel Santin. Ken and Sally were married for 53 years before Sally's passing in 2020.

Ken had an entrepreneurial spirit. While he had a full-time career and farmed, he also bought several properties that he remodeled and rented in St. Paul, Nebraska. He did the remodeling work himself, sometimes with his sons and his father. He would remodel one home, rent it and then move on to remodeling the next before renting them out. In all, Ken remodeled and rented out nine properties as well as the Red Carpet Beauty Salon in St. Paul, Nebraska. Early in their marriage Ken could be found on the weekends working for his mother and father-in-law at St. Paul's Supper Club in St. Paul, Nebraska, where he was well-known for his baked potatoes.

While at Kriz Davis, Ken started and was in charge of hosting an annual customer appreciation shoot for the company at the Grand Island Gun Club. He was also well known for hosting the best dove hunts.

After retiring he continued the tradition at his farm with an annual dove hunt. Many old customers, neighbors, friends and family would attend the annual

Santin Dove Hunt. Ken would have a morning filled with dove hunting, a large lunch and an afternoon of skeet shooting and golf. Ken was also known for fishing off the banks of the Loop River with friends and family and then having a catfish fry. In his spare time, Ken was actively involved in projects for the Cub Scouts and soccer trips with his sons.

He once famously built a big sand box at the house that all the kids from the neighborhood would play in. He always welcomed David and Daniel's friends to the house. Ken's hobbies also included attending pilot school, hunting and fishing, and in his earlier days he spent some of his free time drilling wells on the family's farm. Ken was also an avid gardener. Each year he would plant one of the biggest gardens with all kinds of fruits and vegetables. When not working, Ken enjoyed taking a break to have pie and coffee, he was famously known as a pie expert. He was known for stopping and doing anything he could to help someone in need.

Ken is survived by his children, David (Selma) Santin of Fort Worth, Texas, and Daniel Santin of Lincoln, Nebraska, grandson, Thomas Santin, and brothers, Fred and Gary Santin, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sally Santin, parents, Fred and Blanche Santin, his sister, Marline and parents-in-law, Arthur and Dorothy Lynch.

Memorials are suggested to the Elba Volunteer Fire & Rescue or to Fullerton Fire & Rescue.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Service

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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## Burial

JUL 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

Fullerton Cemetery, Fullerton NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenny was my cousin and a great guy*

David sukovaty - May 17, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ *Kenneth L Santin*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth L Santin.*



June 30, 2022 at 08:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth L Santin.*



June 29, 2022 at 10:33 AM

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“ *The Dugan's and Cox Family purchased the End uring Grace for the family of Kenneth L Santin.*



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**The Dugan's and Cox Family** - June 29, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth L Santin.*



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June 28, 2022 at 05:43 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth L Santin.*



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June 28, 2022 at 04:34 PM

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“ *Hester Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kenneth L Santin.*



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**Hester Family** - June 28, 2022 at 01:35 PM