



Marvin DuWayne Ehlers

October 22, 1950 - August 17, 2023

Marvin DuWayne Ehlers passed away on August 17, 2023, at Riverside Lodge Retirement Community in Grand Island.

Marvin was born on October 22, 1950, in Grand Island to Wilbur “Dutch” Ehlers and Della (Pavlik) Ehlers. He attended Westlawn Elementary, Walnut Jr. High, and Grand Island Senior High.

Marvin served the United States Army during the Vietnam War May 1970-December 1971. He was honorably discharged in May 1976. Marvin received several medals during his time with the military including the Vietnam Service Medal w/2 bronze service stars, the Army Commendation Medal that is granted for consistent acts of heroism or meritorious service, a Combat Infantryman Badge, and numerous others. Marvin lived three lives. Before, during, and after Vietnam. He was very proud of his service and continued to praise God that he made it back to his family and friends.

Marvin worked for his father at Dutch’s Auto Repair, Larry’s Steel & Welding, and also drove a gravel truck. Marvin owned and operated Marv’s Auto Service for many years. He was an avid car enthusiast, owning a well-known orange ‘55 Chevy and the popular green “Gestapo” a ‘57 Chevy. At one point, Marvin owned 3 Camaros, a red one, a white one, and a blue one. He was forever the patriot. Marvin loved to drive his Camaros, Corvettes, and pickups, anything that went fast with his personalized license plates. His favorites were MAGWHLS, CLAZZIC, and RUCK UP. The MAGWHLS plate adorned his walker which was a great conversation piece at the home.

Marvin enjoyed tinkering in his garage while listening to loud rock and roll. He had a large collection of stereo equipment, records, and CDs. Music was a passion. Marvin was a kind soul who was well loved by many.

All Faiths Funeral Home is assisting the family to carry out Marvin's wishes of cremation. A military service will be held at Westlawn Cemetery, Friday, September 22, 2023 at 1:30 pm. A celebration of life will follow in St. Paul at the 6th Street V-Inn-U from 3:00-7:00. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in care of the Ehlers' family to designate at a later date. Those left to cherish in Marvin's memory are his sister, Denise (Todd) Couillard, nephews, Michael (Jennifer Shafer) Ehlers and Mick (Amie) Ehlers. Marvin was preceded in death by his sister, Joyce Combs and his parents.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **22**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Westlawn Memorial Park
3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin DuWayne Ehlers*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Marv worked with my husband Larry at Rail Car repair years ago. After Larry died Marv sent my daughters and I a Christmas card every year. Last Christmas was the first year Marv's card didn't arrive. I regret that I wasn't aware he'd moved to Riverside. He was a sweet guy with a gentle spirit and energy about him. I will miss his cards. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

Lynn Gipe

Lynn Gipe - September 19, 2023 at 07:43 AM



Hi there, I'll never forget Marvin . y'all take care of yourself 💕

David Korth - September 19, 2023 at 10:55 AM



Hope to see the 22 nd

David Korth - September 19, 2023 at 10:56 AM

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“*Marvin and I had known each other through cars when we were teenagers. We became close friends when we both worked together at Quik Car the rail car shop, at the former Ordnance Plant. Marv was always a hard worker and there was nothing he could not repair or weld. He once installed a windshield for me in an old Chevy square body. He had the old one out and the new one in, in about 15 minutes. No grass grew under his feet, and he always worked so fast it was as if his feet never touched the ground. His cars and his home were always immaculate. After we no longer worked together, I would still see Marv from time to time but not as often as I would have liked. We had a number of mutual friends and after I heard that he had moved to Riverside I was glad that we again became close friends. After being reacquainted with Marv I was fortunate to meet and be reacquainted with some of his family members who he spoke of often. I was also privileged to meet other old friends Marv had had. His family and close friends made sure he was always well stocked in Classic Coke, Oreos, chips and pudding. Any other need or want he had was always met. Marv was very proud of his military service. I thanked him for his service. When on drives he would always point out places of interest, his dad's shop, places he had lived, where friends had lived, where he had a business. We often visited one of Marv's friends' graves located in Alda, and sometimes the graves of his parents. He was a compassionate man. The last time I saw him a day or two before he passed, he had begun to lose the ability to speak but I could see that he was at peace. As I said goodbye, he smiled at me and gave me two thumbs up. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.*





Dennis Mudloff - September 18, 2023 at 04:44 PM