



## Michael J. Parmley

July 15, 1949 - May 10, 2019

Michael J. "Mike" Parmley, 69, of Grand Island died peacefully on May 10, 2019, surrounded by family at Central City Care Center in Central City, NE. Memorial service and celebration of Mike's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 20th, at All Faiths Funeral Home. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Gathering of friends and family will be an hour before service time. Burial of ashes will be in Grand Island City Cemetery beside his beloved mother and father.

Mike was born in Grand Island on July 15, 1949, the son of Robert W. and Ellen (Kallos) Parmley. He was raised in Grand Island and graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1967. Mike attended Kearney State College and the University of Nebraska Lincoln, graduating with a degree in Physical Education. While in college he competed in track and field-pole vaulting and was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

Shortly after graduation, Mike made his way to California where he landed a job with the city of Los Angeles as a Parks and Recreations Director in Woodland Hills and finished his career in Pacific Palisades. After 20 years of employment with the city of Los Angeles, he decided to retire, returning to Grand Island in 1995.

Even though Mike was a Nebraska Kid at heart California became his home. He was joined in L.A. by some of his best friends and classmates, having the best time of his life. He loved going to Dodger games, hanging out at the beach, spending the weekend in Mexico, and having a cold "Coors" beer.

Mike will be remembered as a big-hearted guy who made friends wherever he went and was loved by all. He was a sports advocate who liked to stay in shape, toss the ball around with his nieces and nephews, play the guitar and attend a Huskers game whenever he got the chance.

Survivors of his immediate family include two brothers, Robert M. (Paula) Parmley of Chandler, AZ and David J. (Dianne) Parmley of Grand Island; and sister, Cynthia Arnold of Grand Island. Also left to cherish his memory are seven nieces and nephews, Robert W. Parmley of Tempe, AZ, Christina Jokerst of Olathe, KS, Jill McGreer of Omaha, NE, Mike Parmley of Grand Island, Alaina Parmley of Grand Island, David Arnold of Lincoln, and Jeff Arnold of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials are suggested to the Central Nebraska Humane Society.

Online remembrances may be left at [www.gjallfaiths.com](http://www.gjallfaiths.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael J. Parmley*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Parm and I were good friends in college at Kearney State. We lived together and enjoyed a lot of crazy times together and I spent a lot of time in Grand Island, even student-teaching at Walnut Junior High. After graduation I moved to Colorado and Mike finished school and moved to California. We lost touch for many years but re-connected before his death, which I only learned of recently. A great guy and a great friend. Rest In Peace Mike.*

**Craig Wagner** - August 14, 2022 at 12:49 PM



“ *Years after not hearing from Parm I found that he had passed away. We were really good friends in college at Kearney State and lived in an apartment with friends there. After graduation I moved to Colorado while Mike finished school and moved to California. I spent a lot of time in Grand Island and even student-taught at Walnut Junior High. We had some great times together, too many to document here but we re-connected before his apparent death. A great guy and a great friend. Rest In Peace Mike.*

**Craig Wagner** - August 14, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *So very sorry to read the news. I knew Parm when he lived at UCCC (Utica). Bless his heart - he was such a Husker fan. Today would have been his 70th birthday. Keeping you all in my thoughts & prayers.*

**Priscilla Klintworth** - July 15, 2019 at 09:03 AM

CB

“ *Fun-loving guy. High School would have never been the same without "Parm"!*

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**Carroll Brown** - May 21, 2019 at 10:29 AM

JD

“ *Janie Plautz Dreher purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Michael J. Parmley.*



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**Janie Plautz Dreher** - May 17, 2019 at 04:00 AM