



## Mikel D Wagner

September 18, 1952 - December 6, 2018

Mikel Dennis Wagner 66, of Grand Island, passed from this life to the next on December 6, 2018 at his home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, January 4th, at Third City Christian Church, with Pastor Scott Jones and Clark Bates officiating.

Visitation will be from 2 pm to 4 pm on Thursday, January 3rd, at All Faiths Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Celebrate Recovery at TCCC.

Mr. Wagner was born September 18th, 1952, in Omaha, NE to George Wagner and Margaret Wagner. Mikel grew up in Council Bluffs, Iowa and graduated from East High in Sioux City, Iowa in 1970. He attended Iowa State, and Nebraska Christian College where he met his wife Penny. He was united in marriage to Penny Jean Bates on June 24, 1973, in Beaver City.

Besides Norfolk, Mike and Penny also lived in Kansas, Iowa, and Indiana before settling in the Grand Island area in 1989. Mikel loved teaching, and could be found at Young at Heart, Celebrate Recovery and First Christian Church in Palmer, sharing his knowledge and love of Christ.

Mike loved books. He was always on a mission to gain knowledge and insight into many varying interests. He was particularly interested in collecting rocks, and geology. He had a special talent for genealogy and had studied his family trees as far back as he could go. He loved exploring and travelling. He was always on an adventure wherever the road took him.

Mike never met a stranger and was always quick with a joke or a random fact. He was a social butterfly and loved to talk. He was a kind and helpful man

who always left a place or person better than when he came.

It was this friendly, sociable personality that drew him to his second wife Faye. In a whirlwind romance they were joined in marriage on February 25th, 2017. They were two peas in a pod, they enjoyed each other and their love of God immensely. He baptized her, and they walked with God never looking back. Mike was a wonderful father and friend. He had a huge heart and was not afraid to use it. He will be deeply missed by so many. He was a true blessing to everyone and will now find rest in a life well lived and a job well done. His love for Christ will continue to be a beacon of light for those that knew him. He was preceded in death by his father, George Wagner; his mother, Margaret Wagner; his wife, Penny Bates-Wagner; his wife, Faye Conlon-Wagner and his beloved dogs, Charlie and Kasey. Mikel will always be remembered for his smile, his wonderful playful spirit, and especially his commitment to living a life for God.

Survivors of his immediate family include his mother-in-law, Wilma Bates of Beaver City, NE; children and their spouses, Adam and Samantha Wagner of Colorado Springs, Amie Brown of Grand Island, NE, Allynda and Kyle Callies of Benton City, WA; grandchildren, Sagelynn, Izack, Nonia, James and Kyla; and sister, Dima Gukeisen of Sioux City, IA.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Third City Christian Church  
4100 W. 13th St.  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mikel D Wagner*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *You have our sympathy and prayers. We enjoyed getting to know Mike on the Ark trip in October. His sense of humor, study of God's Word, and Herbie Husker attire will always bring us fond memories.*

**Kris Hickey** - December 29, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ *I didn't know Mike for very long but his sermons were always very inspiring to me and he always had a smile for everyone. I will miss him a lot*

**Vickie** - December 29, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ *I was so saddened when I learned earlier this month that Mike had passed, not for him, but for myself, losing a good friend. I know he will be missed by many, especially his family, whom he loved. I will be unable to attend his service, but will be praying for his family and for the service. I know it will be a testimony of his life and will share Christ in it May you feel peace and love during this time.*

*Willa Lemburg*

**Willa Lemburg** - December 29, 2018 at 08:59 AM