



## Monte R. Czaplewski

December 6, 1970 - October 16, 2025

Monte R. Czaplewski, 54, of Grand Island, passed away on October 16, 2025, at CHI Health St. Francis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, October 24th at 10:30 am at St. Mary's Cathedral, with Father Jimmy Beran officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday, October 23rd from 5-8 pm at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Monte was born on December 6, 1970, in St. Paul to Ronald and Crystal (Voigt) Czaplewski. He was raised and received his education in Loup City, graduating from high school in 1989. He continued his studies at St. Edward's University in Austin, TX, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1993.

On October 12, 1996, Monte was united in marriage to Nicole Denoski in Austin, TX. Together, they raised three children: Lukas, Genevieve, and Matthew.

Monte dedicated 25 years to government service, beginning as Chief Investigator at the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. He later moved to Washington, D.C., where he served as Special Agent in Charge at the U.S. Department of Transportation/NHTSA. In 2002, he entered the FBI's new agent training program in Quantico, Virginia, and upon graduation, was assigned to Laredo, Texas, where he investigated violent crimes and narcotics along the U.S./Mexico border.

In 2006, Monte transferred permanently to Grand Island, where he concluded his FBI career as Coordinator for the Tri-Cities Drug Enforcement Team

(TRIDENT), retiring in 2021. Throughout his FBI tenure, Monte held several additional roles, including assignments with the Organized Crime Unit/Major Crimes Task Force at Camp Falcon in Afghanistan, serving as Co-Chair of the Special Agents Advisory Committee, and spending 10 years on the Omaha SWAT team.

Following his retirement, Monte continued his commitment to public service as Drug Enforcement Coordinator for the Nebraska Department of Justice/Attorney General's Office, and later worked internationally as a consultant in the United Arab Emirates, training law enforcement personnel. Monte had a passion for classic cars, especially Mustangs, and enjoyed spending time with his dogs, music, hosting "deck parties", Dad jokes and laughter. Above all, he cherished time with his family and took great pride in supporting them.

Those left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife of 29 years, Nicole; children, Lukas, Genevieve, Matthew; siblings, Nicki Czaplewski, Ron (Denise) Czaplewski, Justin (Jennifer) Czaplewski, Kendra Bronson, Lance (Sam) Czaplewski; stepmother, Betty Czaplewski; several nieces and nephews; many family members and friends.

Monte was preceded in death by his parents; and sisters, Amanda Czaplewski, and Charlotte Czaplewski.

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St Mary's Cathedral  
112 S Cedar St  
Grand Island, NE 68801

## Burial

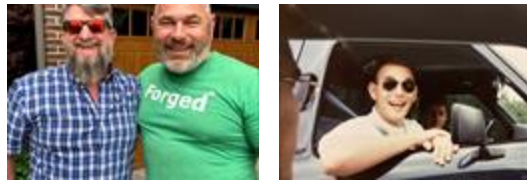
OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

Litchfield Cemetery  
Litchfield, NE

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Miss you, brother.



Ron Bennett - October 31, 2025 at 11:39 AM

MT

“ So very sorry for your loss He touched many lives in his short time here in earth Praying for you all 💜🙏💜

Myers Teresa - October 27, 2025 at 06:26 PM

RJ

“ Richard J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monte R. Czaplewski.

Richard J. - October 23, 2025 at 11:54 PM

KH

“ Monte was our teammate on the FBI SWAT team. He is someone who continually stepped up, taking on any necessary task without hesitation. He took extra classes to be an EMT, and also as a CQB trainer for the team. We counted on him immensely and he never let us down. Always the true professional during missions with his teammates, other law enforcement, but especially with the public, whether they were bystanders or being arrested. His family, whom I know he cherished, can be proud of how he treated others throughout his career. Monte, thank you for including us in your life.

Kevin Hytrek - October 23, 2025 at 05:26 PM

GO

“ I was lucky to be Monte's coworker and friend for 19 years. He ALWAYS made me and everyone around him laugh and feel "lifted." Monte never hesitated on sharing news about his family; trips taken, achievements made, or just great photos of them all together; all underscoring how much he valued and was proud of his wonderful family. As his friend, he and I would always "partner up" when the opportunity came: "can I ride with you?," "save me a seat next to you at the restaurant," "let's arrest and debrief here," "bro you have to hear this tune," "here you go, I brought you brews back from a trip seeing my daughter at college." He would ALWAYS drop what he was doing to help me out or other coworkers whenever needed. He was the textbook definition of a true friend. I will remember how he treated family and friends, how unbelievably tough he was the past year, and how he lived his life in order for me to deal with his passing. I don't think I have or ever have had a friend as high of caliber as Monte. Love you brother...be at peace.

Gregg O - October 22, 2025 at 09:40 PM

DB

“ Damian B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monte R. Czaplewski.

Damian B. - October 22, 2025 at 07:51 PM

GA

“ GMED Clinical Affairs purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.



GMED Clinical Affairs - October 22, 2025 at 11:51 AM

GA

“ GMED Clinical Affairs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monte R. Czaplewski.

GMED Clinical Affairs - October 22, 2025 at 11:51 AM

RW

“ Robert and Claudia Webb purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.



Robert and Claudia Webb - October 22, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.



October 22, 2025 at 10:39 AM

MW

“ I worked with Monte for about 12 years in Grand Island. I soon realized that not only was he a superb Special Agent, he was also a great husband, father, and friend. There was never a day that went by where he didn't bring up his wife Nicole or his children. He lived for them. I could always tell when he received a call from Nicole because his face would light up and he would drop anything he was doing to visit with her. I know he is in a better place now and as Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." I will miss Monte and our sincere condolences go to the Czaplewski family.

Mike and Lorna Wagoner - October 22, 2025 at 09:53 AM

RB

My deepest condolences to the family. I'm Richard Barrera from San Antonio, Texas. I worked with Monte at the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Monte was a great guy who, I was very fond of. He had a great sense of humor, team and family oriented. I connected with because we had similar goals. I has retired with the Los Angeles Police Department. He definitely made a difference in everyone he touched. God Bless him.

Richard Barrera - October 23, 2025 at 10:49 AM

JA

“ John and Jennie Allison purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.



John and Jennie Allison - October 21, 2025 at 11:28 PM

KJ

“ *Kristi and Chad Johnson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.*



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**Kristi and Chad Johnson** - October 21, 2025 at 10:16 PM

KJ

“ *Kristi and Chad Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monte R. Czaplewski.*

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**Kristi and Chad Johnson** - October 21, 2025 at 10:16 PM

DD

“ *Dj Denoski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monte R. Czaplewski.*

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**Dj Denoski** - October 21, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.*



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October 21, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.*



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October 21, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ *Karen Pierce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monte R. Czaplewski.*

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**Karen Pierce** - October 21, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.*



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October 21, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ *James Mitzelfelt and Luella Mitzelfelt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monte R. Czaplewski.*

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**James Mitzelfelt and Luella Mitzelfelt** - October 21, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.*



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October 21, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *So many memories of Monte from our childhood in Loup City are flooding my mind, and fortunately almost all of those memories will make me smile or even laugh. (I only say "almost" because I will never forget the morning I walked into our first period science class and everyone was sitting at their desks completely silent...except for Monte, who was crying because he had just received the tragic news about his mom.)*  
*But even back then there was no doubt in my mind that he was destined for great things in life, and would most likely achieve any goals he would set for himself.*  
*Rest in Peace Monte, and my sincerest condolences to all of Monte's family.*

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**James M.** - October 21, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *Jason and Kendra Heil purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.*



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**Jason and Kendra Heil** - October 21, 2025 at 10:38 AM

CT

“ Cody, Tim and Tina purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.



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**Cody, Tim and Tina** - October 21, 2025 at 10:25 AM

WE

“ I had heard good things about Monte before I meet him at National Odometer Title Fraud (NOTFEA) conference. As soon as I meet Monte I could tell there was something special about him as he made me feel comfortable and at ease. Monte was the kind of man who straight forward, genuine, kind and original. He will be missed by many and his legacy as a true crime fighter who fought to protect the innocent will live on. Rest in peace in the arms of Jesus Christ my dear friend. See you on the other side of the river. Wendell



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**Wendell Espeland** - October 20, 2025 at 09:43 PM

SG

“ Powerful force for good. It was a privilege to work alongside Monte for a brief but impactful time in Nebraska. May your family find comfort during this period of profound loss.

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**SG** - October 20, 2025 at 12:43 PM

FO

“ From the NE Attorney General's Office purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.



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**From the NE Attorney General's Office** - October 20, 2025 at 12:36 PM

CK

“ So sorry for your loss. He was very loved and respected. I sent a memorial tree in his name but forgot to sign it so love from Cassie Killmade

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**Cassie Killmade** - October 20, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JK

“ James K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monte R. Czaplewski.

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**James K.** - October 20, 2025 at 10:12 AM

GF

“ Grand Island Professional Firefighters purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.



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**Grand Island Professional Firefighters** - October 20, 2025 at 09:22 AM

EB

“ Emma and Kelley Brittingham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monte R. Czaplewski.

Emma and Kelley Brittingham - October 19, 2025 at 09:31 PM

EB

“ Emma and Kelley Brittingham purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.



Emma and Kelley Brittingham - October 19, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.



October 19, 2025 at 09:16 PM

LO

“ Lesley Woods & US Attorney's Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monte R. Czaplewski.

Lesley Woods & US Attorney's Office - October 19, 2025 at 09:16 PM

JA

“ *Jana & Jason Andrews purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.*



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**Jana & Jason Andrews** - October 19, 2025 at 09:10 PM

DB

“ *Dave & Ceann Burlew purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.*



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**Dave & Ceann Burlew** - October 19, 2025 at 07:12 PM

DB

“ *Godspeed, Monte Czaplewski.*

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**Dave Burlew** - October 19, 2025 at 06:53 PM

ML

“ *Mark L. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.*



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**Mark L.** - October 19, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.*



October 19, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *I worked with Monte for many years. He was the true definition of a professional and probably the toughest person I have ever known. Monte was someone you could count on 24/7. Truly a person who would drop everything to help you, no matter the task. A lot of people say that but Monte did that .... Over and over. I will truly miss him. Thank you for being my friend. Rest in peace.*

**Anonymous** - October 19, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ *Joyce Czaplewski Goc lit a candle in memory of Monte Czaplewski*



**Joyce Czaplewski Goc** - October 19, 2025 at 12:36 AM



“ *I went to high school with Monte he was such a great guy always had a smile on his face. I will always cherish our friendship. Rest in Peace Monte.*



**sherri badura** - October 18, 2025 at 11:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Monte R. Czaplewski.



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October 18, 2025 at 11:33 AM