



Richard L. "Dick" Grudzinski

December 19, 1939 - March 11, 2016

Richard L. "Dick" Grudzinski, 76, of Grand Island died Friday, March 11, 2016. Celebration of Life gathering of family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at All Faiths Funeral Home. To honor Dick's wishes, cremation will take place following the visitation. A private burial of ashes will be Wednesday morning in Grand Island City Cemetery.

Richard was born Dec. 19, 1939, in Loup City, to Louie and Victoria (Krolikowski) Grudzinski. He attended schools in Loup City and Cairo, graduating from Grand Island Central Catholic in 1958.

Richard was united in marriage to Shirley Kensinger on Aug. 21, 1958, in Aurora. While still in high school, he was working at Kensinger Service and upon graduation began working at Fairacres Dairy. He also worked in construction. When his father-in-law, Richard Kensinger died in 1985, Dick took over the family business, Kensinger Service and Supply, which he continued to operate until his death.

Dick was a member of First Christian Church in Grand Island, Platt-Duetsche and Saddle Club. In his younger days Richard played softball, bowled, hunted and farmed. In his free time he also enjoyed camping, fishing, and showing and competing with his antique tractors. Richard's family and friends were an important part of his life and he dearly loved spending time with his grandkids and attending their activities. His family will remember his willingness to do anything to help someone in need.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Shirley; a daughter and son-in-law,

Lynnette and Larry Chitty, a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Cheryl Grudzinski, all of Grand Island.

Also left to cherish memories are three grandchildren, Lesha Chitty (Brian Dickason), Landon (Amanda) Chitty, all of Kansas City, Kan. and Joseph (Lindsay) Grudzinski of Grand Island; two step-grandchildren, Adam (Laura) Hoffman of Grand Island and Eric (Tonja) Hoffman of Lincoln; three great-grandchildren and six step great-grandchildren; brothers, George (Catherine) Grudzinski of Wisconsin and Leroy Grudzinski of Texas; sisters, Barbara (Larry) Adams of Grand Island; brother-in-law, Elvin Will of Wisconsin; sisters-in-law, Delores Grudzinski of Wisconsin and Sharon Haldeman of Grand Island and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law; brother, Edwin Grudzinski; sister, Louise Will; sisters-in-law, Sandi Grudzinski and Dianne Grudzinski; brother-in-law, Bill Haldeman and nephew, Eugene Grudzinski. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

MAR 15. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Grand Island, NE 68801
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<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard L. "Dick" Grudzinski*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Im so sorry for Richards passing. To Shirly, Barb and the rest of the family, Chris and I offer our deapest sympathy and wish we could be there for you. After losing our brother Jim recently, I realize that as we get older these losses happen more and more. We will keep Richard and the family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Tim Grudzinski - March 15, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“ *Mitch and Sue Knight purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard L. "Dick" Grudzinski.*



Mitch and Sue Knight - March 15, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ *My thoughts are with you. Remember and celebrate Rock's life every day. I love you all.*
Jeff Collins



Jeff Collins - March 15, 2016 at 12:30 PM

MH

“ Our deepest Sympathy to all of Rich's family.
You are in our thoughts and prayers during
this time.



Mike and Jennifer Hill - March 15, 2016 at 12:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Richard L. "Dick" Grudzinski.



March 15, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy Shirley & Family. Always enjoyed visiting
with Dick. Hugs John and Linda Willman

Linda Willman - March 15, 2016 at 04:03 AM

DS

“ We just learned of your loss and want you to know that you are in
our thoughts and prayers. Dick was always so good to my parents.
DeAnn & Jim Schendt

DeAnn & Jim Schendt - March 14, 2016 at 08:02 PM

KR

“ Rich was my second dad. I have many fond memories of Rich as Lynnette and I were growing up. Just yesterday I was telling my youngest son that Lynnette and I used to ride our bikes to Fairacres Dairy to visit Rich because he would give us big dishes of chocolate soft serve ice cream. Rich will be very much missed. My thoughts and prayers for Shirley, Lynnette, Scott and families.

Kelly (Larson) Rader - March 14, 2016 at 07:00 PM

CA

“ Uncle Rich was my closest uncle growing up, the only one in town, and always treated me with kindness and respect. He was there for special events in my life. My love and thoughts go to Aunt Shirley, Lynette, Scott, and their families. I know he waits to see you again.

Chris Adams and family

Chris Adams - March 14, 2016 at 06:45 PM



“ Shirley, Lynette, Scott and families, I am sorry to hear of Dick's passing. Dick always had a story and a laugh to share. I am in the hospital, so I will be unable to attend his services, but please know I am there with you in thoughts and prayers.

Mrs. Pamela (Kosmicki) Colm

Pamela Colm - March 14, 2016 at 02:33 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear the news you guys are in our thoughts and prayers

Larry Bosak - March 14, 2016 at 08:06 AM



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March 13, 2016 at 06:53 PM