



## Rodney W. Wertz

May 9, 1950 - July 13, 2015

Rodney W. Wertz, 65 of Grand Island died Monday, July 13, 2015.

Celebration of life service will be 12 p.m. Saturday, July 18th at All Faiths Funeral Home. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Reception to follow immediately after at Nathan Detriots.

Mr. Wertz was born May 9, 1950 in Sterling, CO. The son of Kenneth and June (Hulse) Wertz.

Survivors include his girlfriend, Jackie; son, Levi (Gina) Wertz of Lincoln and daughter, Tara (Joe) Dinger of Georgia; grandchildren, Harper, Mercedes and Tia; Brothers, Lyle Wertz of Ft. Collins, CO and Richard (Sue) Wertz of Grand Island; sisters, Pat Daley of Plano, TX, Judy Puckett of Cottonwood, Arizona, Barbara Hobbs of Plano, TX and Brenda (Mike) Cummings of Plano, TX and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Kendal Wertz.

Rodney graduated from Grand Island Senior High. He served in Germany during the Vietnam War in the U.S. Army. He furthered his education at Kearney State College.

He worked at Thermo King Christensen for several years until retiring because of health reasons.

Altruistic at his core and eclectic by nature, Rodney was a philosopher and an artisan. He loved the human mind and art of all kinds. He was also an avid reader. Rodney used his strengths in these areas to spread inspiration and galvanize his friends and family.

Memorials are suggested to GRACE, Grand Island Area Cancer Endowment.

# Tribute Wall



“ Rodney W. Wertz

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ We shared a back yard (and basically a house) with Rod and Levi when I was a child, and so I had the good fortune to have Rod as one of my formative influences. And Rod was a good one. He was fascinating and always generous with his time and himself. He also challenged us in what we did, and looking back that's what I appreciate most. The world is lesser without him in it.

Tony spencer - July 18, 2015 at 03:16 PM



“ I was fortunate enough to grow up next door to Rod. He was another father to me and our houses always seemed like one family. Rod always made me think about the world around me rather than just taking things at face value and that skill is invaluable to the person I've become. I will miss him.

Adam Spencer - July 18, 2015 at 09:20 AM



“ Levi, we're so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. We know how much you cared for him, and thoughts and our prayers are with you and your family. Just these stories below and your stories of his last few months show what a great man he was. Love and hugs to you and yours. Bob and Jolene Beckstrom

Jolene Beckstrom - July 17, 2015 at 12:38 PM

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“ So when I was a little girl I wanted a dog so bad and Dad wouldn't let me have one. So one night, I got a call from Mary's Corner Cafe in Fleming telling me I had something waiting for me. You see, Rod was a truck driver and drove through town but didn't always stop. When I got to the cafe, there was this HUGE stuffed St. Bernard with a keg and a ribbon around it's neck. Of course, Rod wasn't there because that would show his soft underbelly. lol Although I no longer have the "dog" I still have my memories.

*Love you Rod.*

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**Brenda Cummings** - July 16, 2015 at 09:48 PM



“ Rod was a great friend when Carolyn and I lived on West Koenig street. Our children shared a back yard, a driveway, and were unfortunate enough to have two "dads" that were always watching over their every move-but caring for them constantly. He was generous to a fault and always had an opinion that was worth hearing-even if you didn't always agree with him. I will remember him fondly always, and my children, I know, will never forget him either. He was a great guy and I am fortunate to have known him.

*Steven Spencer*

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**Steven Spencer** - July 16, 2015 at 02:34 PM