



## Stewart Wayne Abelbeck

November 8, 2021

Stewart was born in Hebron, NE, the son of Ervin and Mabel (Peters) Abelbeck. He grew up on his family farm eight miles south of Deshler, and his education began in a one-room country school in Thayer County. In his childhood, he participated in 4-H with his hogs, and played Class C basketball and football, winning the state title with his brother Randall (left-tackle and right-tackle, respectively). In 1964, he was elected to the office of County Surveyor in Cornhusker Boys' and Girls' Government, Int. He graduated from Deshler High School 1966.

He attended Fairbury Junior College 1969, before enlisting in the United States Army in 1973. Stewart served in West Germany, and was awarded the National Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Sharp Shooter M16, before he was honorably discharged in 1976. He then attended and graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1976 (or 77), Y2).

Stewart met Michelle McGinnis while living in Lincoln and attending UNL. On October 7, 1978, Stewart married Michelle at the Sunken Gardens in Lincoln. They lived in Texas and Iowa, before settling in Omaha and raising their family, children Hannah, Austin, and Claire. Stewart made his career as a CPA and retired from Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha 2014.

Throughout his life, Stewart was dedicated and committed to his family,

prioritizing their needs and investing his time and passion into providing a warm home. He served as a coach for various teams for his children, including soccer, softball, baseball, basketball, and was a “band dad.” When not a coach, he was always cheering them on from the stands and in the audience. He was also dedicated to the church and held various roles, including leading confirmation classes, serving on the church council and as treasurer, managing books for the Lutheran Family Services, and enhancing worship through singing and playing guitar.

Stewart was passionate about plants, and maintained a beautiful yard and innumerable indoor plants and cactus. He even boasted he had several “foster” plants that he nursed back to health. Some of his plants were eventually donated to the Omaha Henry Doorly Zoo’s Lied Jungle.

Stewart enjoyed all sports, especially the Nebraska Huskers, Kansas Jayhawks and Creighton Blue Jays.

Those who will cherish his memory include his wife of 43 years, Michelle; children, Austin (Katy) Abelbeck of Kansas City, MO, Clarissa (Blake) Bostelman of Doniphan, NE, and Hannah Abelbeck (Elizabeth Berkowitz) of Santa Fe, NM; three beloved grandchildren, Charlotte, Anniston and Cora Abelbeck; brother, Randall Abelbeck; sisters, Sally Biegert and Rachelle (Delton) Neemann; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin and Mabel; and brother-in-law, Jeffrey Biegert.

Memorials are suggested to Cathedral Home ([cathedralhome.org](http://cathedralhome.org)).

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Stewart Wayne Abelbeck*



**All Faiths Funeral Home** - November 13, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Stewart Wayne Abelbeck*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Wonderful to read about the rich life of Mr. Abelbeck and his devotion to family and community. May his example light the way for others. My sincere condolences to all who were close to him, especially his dear daughter and my friend Hannah.*

**Katherine Ware** - November 15, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ *Gone from our sight, but not from our hearts. In this time of sorrow, know you are not alone. Darrell & Mary Christensen.*

**Darrell & Mary Christensen** - November 13, 2021 at 06:43 PM

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“ Craig Poole, Jeff Broberg/Susan McCarthy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stewart Wayne Abelbeck.



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**Craig Poole, Jeff Broberg/Susan McCarthy** - November 12, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stewart Wayne Abelbeck.



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November 11, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Stewart Wayne Abelbeck.



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November 11, 2021 at 08:15 AM

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“ Zach and Mike purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Stewart Wayne Abelbeck.



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**Zach and Mike** - November 10, 2021 at 07:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Stewart Wayne Abelbeck.*



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November 10, 2021 at 03:25 PM