



Tex R. Harvey

December 21, 1937 - September 28, 2018

Tex R. Harvey, 80, of Grand Island, surrounded by his family, went to be with the Lord on September 28, 2018.

Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Monday, October 1st at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island.

Services will be at 2 pm Tuesday, October 2nd at Evangelical Free Church in Grand Island.

Private burial of ashes will be in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Tex was born to Rufus and Elaine (Hohnbaum) Harvey on December 21, 1937, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He graduated from Utica High School in 1955 and Nebraska Wesleyan College in 1959.

In 1960, Tex married Bev Rolfsmeier from Seward, Nebraska. In this union were born three sons: Jeff and twins, Troy and Linc.

Following college graduation, Tex accepted a teaching/coaching/custodian/bus driver position at McCool Junction for one year. He then taught, coached basketball, and assisted in football at York for seven years.

In 1967, Tex and his family moved to Grand Island where he accepted the position as head basketball coach, where he taught, assisted in football and later, refereed in the State Basketball Tournament. He taught in GI for 31 years, the last ten years serving as Athletic/Activities Director. Tex retired in 1998.

Upon, retirement, Tex was often heard saying, "I plan to fish until the water freezes and hunt until it thaws." He pretty much did just that until the last few years.

Among the activities Tex enjoyed were spending time with family, attending Paul Nauman's Tuesday Evening Bible Study, refereeing, hunting, reading, playing cards, and his yearly fishing trip to Canada. Tex never met a stranger. He knew just what to say to make a person feel valued.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Rolfsmeier Harvey (Bev), of 58 years; son Jeff, daughter in law, Katie of San Antonio; son Troy of Kearney; sister Pam Eikenhorst, brother in law Steve of Osceola; sister-in-laws Janice Rolfsmeier and Betty (Jack) Aegerter, and step-mother Ruby Rolfsmeier of Seward, and grandchildren Jax and Colt Harvey of San Antonio and Lacey and Nicole Harvey of Kearney; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Tex was preceded in death by his parents, "Rasty" and Elaine; his father and mother-in-law A.H. "Red" and Alma Rolfsmeier; a son, Linc Anthony Harvey, a niece Cindy Forney, and a brother-in-law, Don Rolfsmeier.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Christian Resource Center, Evangelical Free Church or GI Coaches Association.

Before his passing, Tex received notification of his induction in the Grand Island Athletic Hall of Fame to be awarded in February, 2019. He was

humbled as only Tex could be to receive this kind of honor.

Tribute Wall



“ *Tex R. Harvey*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *He was my Nebraska History teacher and one of the teachers that always ate my food in foods class. Bev was my fpods teacher for 3 years. He was a very kind man.*
Lisa Williams

Lisa West - October 06, 2018 at 11:50 PM



“ *So sorry to hear that I have lost another cousin, he will be dearly missed by many. Sending prayers for strength and peace to all the family. I didn't get to spend much time with Tex as he was older than me but spent more time with Pam. But he was always concerned to know how I was doing and a very special guy.*

Alene Fosler - October 02, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ *I remember coach Harvey from grand island senior high,he was a great listener and loved his players,students,and faculty.he was a hot to be around.when i graduated in "1977 HE SAID GOOD LUCK WITH WHAT EVER THE FUTURE BRINGS YOU AND HE SAID I HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF ME AND MAKE THE BEST OF IT "My Condolences goes out to his family.B.W. Or Bear"*

Barry Wood - October 02, 2018 at 09:35 AM

SZ

“ *Bev, Jeff, Troy and families, We are so very sorry for your great loss.*

Rich and Sharon Zulkoski

Sharon Zulkoski - October 02, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tex R. Harvey.*



October 02, 2018 at 08:10 AM

JB

“ *Harvey family,
I played football and basketball for Tex, and had him as both a history teacher and PE teacher at York High School. I enjoyed all of my time with him. I remember especially his terrific sense of humor - the man could really laugh and enjoy life. I feel really privileged to have had him as a part of my life.
Please know that my wife Lora and I share your sorrow at his passing. My twin sisters, Martha and Mary, who both babysat for the family, have asked me to pass on their condolences as well.*

*John Boyer
York High School, class of '65*

John Boyer - October 01, 2018 at 08:53 PM

KZ

“ There are more stories than print available, but besides a great Husband, Dad, Grandpa, role model, friend, Teacher, Coach in my case the Trap Team, dead eye in the duck blind (it showed in a lost photo of him and Archie Boyd with the Omaha World Herald sports editors with a few ducks over their limit), could catch fish without bait we believed, Tex was a mentor to all kids that crossed his path and made us better for it.

Our condolences, thoughts and prayers to Tex family and all others mourning the loss of a great human being and will never be one like him.

Were sure Tex is doing all those mentioned above in his life there after with all those that have left us before him.

Kevin Zahm and family.

Kevin Zahm - October 01, 2018 at 04:48 PM

MB

“ Rest in peace. He will always be Coach to me . . .

Mike Babcock

Mike Babcock - October 01, 2018 at 03:50 PM

CB

“ Mark Twain wrote, “Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.” Tex was this man. His always positive persona along with his captivating wit and charm created a likable connection to everyone he met. His perceptive intelligence and rare intuitive abilities cemented positive relationships forever. The students he helped, the athletes he coached, the coaches he directed, his friends and his family are a testimony to an exemplary life that will live on in all of them.

Craig Burchess - October 01, 2018 at 03:37 PM



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October 01, 2018 at 03:12 PM

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Craig Burchess

Craig Burchess - October 01, 2018 at 02:33 PM

BD

“ Thoughts & prayers go out to the Harvey family , anyone that had the honor of knowing Tex as a coach , teacher or friend was left something special one of the many "Texism's" i remember hearing at football practice "your doing a lower job than whale s***! in the bottom of the ocean! he's gone but not forgotten!.

*Bob DesLaurier
GISH class of 1978*

Bob Deslaurier - October 01, 2018 at 02:33 PM

MJ

“ Tex Harvey was in his first years of teaching when he accepted the position at York High School, York, NE. He was by far one of our favorite teachers. He was so "cute" and tolerated the girls adoration of him. There were 4 of us who "stole" his car one afternoon during study hall and drove it up to one of the girls yards and washed and cleaned it and returned it to the school. He found out who we were and sent "the terrible four" all thank you's. I still have mine after all of these years. We graduated in 1962, but, he was never forgotten. Sincere sympathy to his family. Be it known you have a right to be grateful for and proud of this man.

Marcia L Jacobson - October 01, 2018 at 12:31 PM

JN

“ Dear Bev and family,
We are saddened to hear of the passing of Tex.
He was such a positive influence on so many people. And he was one of those really nice and pleasant people! His days on earth were well spent.
Our deepest sympathy to all in your family.
Dick & Joann Nietfeld, Sam & Daniel

Joann Nietfeld - October 01, 2018 at 09:07 AM

MM

“ Deepest sympathies to Bev and family at their loss. Tex was a leader, mentor and dear friend during the eight short years I taught and coached at Senior High. So many memories. His laughter and ready smile. His unwavering support. His love of family and dedication to all things Senior High. His love of Nebraska and our state's rich history. Solving crossword puzzles, playing cards. To this day, I still, upon occasion, stand and circle my chair clockwise when I'm running a string of bad luck. And I remember those "Texisms." "Even a blind sow finds an acorn now and then." Or, "Cry me a river, Martha." He was larger than life. His charisma filled any room he was in. Memories of him, all he accomplished and the lives he touched will live on. God surely has called one of his best to heaven.

Mark Miller and family

Mark Miller - October 01, 2018 at 12:19 AM

RS

“ I too was sorry to see another one of the greatest Teachers from G.I.S.H go. He was a great teacher. A wonderful man. He will be missed by, many. When some 38 years have passed and it touches the heart of a former student...it says what a wonderful person he was

Ramona L. (Riblett) Smithson

Ramona L. (Riblett) Smithson - September 30, 2018 at 11:25 PM

KG

“ *Bev, Jeff and Troy:*

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Tex. He was a great man and a great teacher and mentor for so many kids that came through GI High. Jodi and I both remember so many fond memories of our days in Tex and Bev's classes in high school. You both carried out what is so good in education and a big part of so many successful people that got to learn about life from you both. Something that Troy and Jeff know better than anybody.

Both of our families are deeply saddened by your loss. May your family find peace in your long term memories of Tex and each other.

God Bless Tex Harvey

*Kevin and Jodi (Rathman) Gaden
Chatham, IL*

Kevin Gaden - September 30, 2018 at 09:04 PM

AF

“ *Saddened to hear of his passing. Solely due to this man is why I graduated from GI senior high. I skipped his class a lot due to my friends getting out for job training... he had me do 14 3 page reports on Nebraska history. What a lesson to learn. Great man!*

Angie Christensen Fegter (North Carolina)

Angie Fegter - September 30, 2018 at 08:14 PM

CJ

“ *Tex was without a doubt the best administrator I ever worked for. I never wanted to disappoint him, and valued his advice, encouragement, and friendship more than he probably realized. You can be successful on your own but to be significant you have to have an impact on others. Tex was both.*

Craig J.

Craig Jacobson - September 30, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Tex R. Harvey.*



September 30, 2018 at 11:07 AM



Deborah
Garringer

“ *A great teacher...my family moved here..half wsy thru my junior year of high school..Mr. Harvey, seemed to know I was kinda lost..He made efforts to help me feel ..un lost..just by asking how I was doing..answering questions..etc..He was so kind. Graduated 1978.. Thoughts and Prayers too his family..*

Deborah Garringer - September 30, 2018 at 10:55 AM

PB

“ *Pam Burse-Peterson lit a candle in memory of Tex R. Harvey*



Pam Burse-Peterson - September 30, 2018 at 09:39 AM

RD

“ *Another great one passes. Tex was a great person to work with in GI. My condolences to the family. Rich Daly, Lincoln*

Rich. Daly - September 30, 2018 at 08:31 AM

BE

“ *It was always a pleasure to officiate any wrestling meet at Grand Island Senior High with Tex as the AD. Very professional man but also a "good ole boy".
Too many great stories filled with laughter of numerous activities in Canada fishing trips.*

*Thanks for all of that sir,
Brent Ehlers*

Brent Ehlers - September 30, 2018 at 12:20 AM

RR

“ *MR. Tex Harvey , one of the most honest and good men i've had the pleasure of knowing in this life time !!! Sorry for the loss of a good man ! Ron Riblett class of "69" .*

Ron Riblett - September 29, 2018 at 11:05 PM

JJ

“ I remember Mr. Harvey so well from Senior High back in 1970. And yes, even after all these years, I still can't call a teacher by their first name. I know that Mr. Harvey was a great coach and was so heavily involved in athletics, but I remember him as the finest teacher that I've ever had. He could teach kids who had no desire to be taught, now that's truly a teacher. He made learning fun and left a valuable piece of himself in every student lucky enough to be in his classroom. I didn't know him well, in fact, I only knew him as my teacher, but I did know him well enough to recognize that he was one of the good ones. He was truly a gifted educator and I was fortunate enough to share in that gift, even if for only a short time. Mr. Harvey, you live on in the lives of so many, and I'm blessed to be one of them. It doesn't seem like nearly enough to just say thank you, but it'll have to do ...thank you Mr. Harvey.

Jack Jacobsen - September 29, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ Mr. Harvey was one of my favorite teachers. I believe it was Nebraska History. I loved the quizzes on identifying the wildlife and fish species of the state. That has always been a passion of mine also. Prayers for the family. He will be missed.

David Schroeder - September 29, 2018 at 09:22 PM