



Wayne E Franklin

October 12, 1933 - June 1, 2020

Wayne E. Franklin, 86, of Grand Island passed away on Monday, June 1, 2020 at CHI-Health St. Francis.

An opportunity to sign the guest book will be available from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Due to COVID- 19 the family will not be present.

A private family service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday with public livestreaming on the All Faiths Funeral Home Facebook. Public burial of ashes will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday at the Grand Island City Cemetery with military honors rendered by the U.S. Navy and Veteran's Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to the family.

Wayne was born on October 12, 1933 at Shellsburg, IA, son of John and Esther (Baum) Franklin.

Wayne graduated from high school in Brandon, IA. He entered the United States Navy in 1953 and was honorably discharged in 1957. He served for two years on the U.S.S. Columbus and was later stationed at the Naval Base in Boston, MA.

On October 27, 1957 he was united in marriage to Berta Canterbury in Somerville, MA. Following their marriage, they made their home in Cedar Rapids, IA. In 1960, they relocated to Grand Island.

He was employed by Rainbo Bread Company as Plant Superintendent.

Wayne was a lifetime member of the VFW and the Platte Duetsche. Wayne was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed attending auctions and

traveling to Navy reunions. He had a lifelong passion for riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and rode until he was 80.

He is survived by his son, Randy (Deb) Franklin of Grand Island; daughter, Tami (Jay) Harders of Alda; grandchildren, Danielle (Kyle) Merithew and Ashley (Tim) Dvorak; great grandchildren, Addison and Ryker Merithew; brother, Jack (Eleanor) Franklin of Sydney, MT; sister Carol Lutz of Vinton, IA; special friend, Marlene Spires of Central City; numerous extended family and friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Berta; son, Kevin Franklin; brother Vaughn Franklin and brother-in-law, Bob Lutz.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Grand Island, NE 68801
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Burial

JUN 5. 2:30 PM (CT)

Grand Island City Cemetery
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ Wayne E Franklin

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Wayne was my boss at Rainbow Bakery in he 70s. Enjoyed talking to him at auctions. all these yrs... So very sorry for your lose.
Gaylene Rudy Aurora, Ne.

Gaylene Rudy - July 05, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. Even after moving I enjoyed visiting with Wayne when we came to Grand Island. He was a good neighbor to my Mom and Dad. He will be missed

Kent McConnell

Kent McConnell - June 13, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Tami & Randy & family- I'm so sorry for your loss! We all thought the world of both Wayne & Berta! They were the best neighbors anyone could ask for. Wayne was a wonderful, wonderful person who helped my Mother so much! When she was not able to get around well, he checked in on her every single day and brought in the mail & newspaper to her and visited with her. I've not been to G.I. for many years now, but have thought of him often. You are all in my prayers and I hope you have comfort in the fact he was a great friend to so many people.

Dee Johnston - June 05, 2020 at 04:39 PM

TH

Thanks for the kind words. We loved your parents. As kids, we'd be sit under the cherry tree and talk to them for hours.

Tami Harders - June 05, 2020 at 10:21 PM

LJ

“ *Please accept our sympathy. Wayne was LeRoy's supervisor, years ago, at the Rainbow Bakery.
God's blessing of love and peace to you all.*

*Sincerely,
LeRoy and Judi Johnson
3207 W 17th St.
Grand Island, Ne 68803*

LeRoy Johnson - June 04, 2020 at 10:07 PM

LD

“ *Tami - I send my deepest sympathy for your great loss. May you find comfort in the happy memories of your dad.*

Lois

Lois Demuth - June 04, 2020 at 05:20 PM

JD

“ *Randy and family, I am very sorry to hear this about your dad. I always remember him taking time to chat with me when he came into Dons.*

Jamie Duff - June 04, 2020 at 03:01 PM

SS

“ *Sorry to hear the sad news; used to see Wayne a lot; signed Spencer Spires, a nephew of Marlene Spires.*

Spencer Spires - June 03, 2020 at 03:24 PM

LK

“ Randy and family of Wayne , so sorry to hear of your loss, we talked with your dad often before Covid. So Sorry, we will keep you and all the family in our prayers.

Larry and Arlene Kelly

Larry Kelly - June 03, 2020 at 10:01 AM