



Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" Tjaden

December 8, 1952 - April 18, 2025

Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" T. Tjaden, 72, of Alda, passed away on April 18, 2025 at his home. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, April 25th at 10 am at All Faiths Funeral Home, with Dan Naranjo officiating. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Wes was born on December 8, 1952 in Grand Island to Wesley and Frances (Ogg) Tjaden Sr. He was raised and received his education in the Grand Island area, graduating with the class of 1971. Wes then enlisted in the United States Army Reserves and later attended CCC-Hastings for autobody repair.

On January 15, 1972, Wes was united in marriage to Karen Dohmen. Three children, Wesley, Jon, and Tisha were born into this union. Wes was married to Nancy Determan on May 11, 1985. To this union, one child, Brandon, was born.

Throughout his life, Wes worked at a variety of places, including being a truck driver, the Grand Island Zoo, the library, New Holland, and his favorite, the Stuhr Museum. At the museum he was the caretaker of the buffalo, Sampson, as well as Clyde the goat. He had Sampson since he was a calf. In his spare time, he loved to help people and animals. He was active in Alcoholics Anonymous, and sponsored many people over the years. Wes loved to watch Gunsmoke and other old westerns. He also enjoyed sharing his opinions on

politics.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Wesley (Heather) Tjaden III, Tisha (Joel) Smith, Brandon (Alexandra) Tjaden; grandchildren, Ariel Tjaden, Noah Tjaden, Dylan Smith, Anna Smith, Lennon Tjaden, Max Tjaden, Burke Tjaden, Reid Tjaden; brothers, Albert Stultz, Dennis Tjaden, Jerry Tjaden, Joel Tjaden; sisters, Deborah Tjaden, Eileen Shriner; special friend, Kristi Katzberg; and many extended family and friends.

Wes was preceded in death by his parents; son, Jon Tjaden; and brother, Michael Tjaden.

Memorials are suggested to the Stuhr Museum.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" Tjaden



All Faiths Funeral Home - April 25, 2025 at 09:40 AM

SL

“ St. L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" Tjaden.

St. L. - April 24, 2025 at 06:39 PM

MW

“ This breaks my heart to see and read. I moved down the road from Wes about 5 years ago, he would stop and chat when I would be out mowing the yard. If he didn't stop, he would always honk and wave. Here comes another summer and he will be truly missed. Thoughts and prayers to Wes's family.

Marlena Wengler - April 24, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" Tjaden.



April 24, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" Tjaden.



April 23, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ McCain Quality Dept purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" Tjaden.



McCain Quality Dept - April 23, 2025 at 08:36 PM



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MD

“ Mikki and Thom Dodson purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" Tjaden.



Mikki and Thom Dodson - April 23, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" Tjaden.



April 23, 2025 at 01:13 PM

WT

“ With Love, Tom and Cindy Tjaden purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" Tjaden.



With Love, Tom and Cindy Tjaden - April 23, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wesley "Wes" "Snooks" Tjaden.



April 23, 2025 at 10:23 AM