



David Dean "Dave" Dunker

February 25, 1958 - July 11, 2023

David Dean Dunker was born on February 25, 1958, at Hebron, Nebraska to Frederick Dunker and Joan Rohr Dunker. He passed away on July 11, 2023, at Bryan East Medical Center in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 65 years, 4 months, and 16 days. He was the middle of 3 ornery boys.

Dave grew up in the Ohioa/Strang area and graduated from Ohioa High School with the class of 1976. He received his Associate's Degree in Automotive Technology from Central Community College. He started out his career as a machinist with Lichti Auto Supply in Geneva. After moving to Sutton in 1994, he worked in the parts department at Friesen Chevrolet and later was the maintenance man for the Sutton Community Home. He ended his career driving the shuttle van for Fillmore County Hospital. Since he couldn't sit still, he also would do small engine repair out of his garage. He didn't make much money with the repair business, but the friends he made in his customers was his real payment.

On July 26, 1980, he married the fiery redheaded girl from town, JoAnna Langhorst. They made their first home on a farm north of Ohioa and then moved into Ohioa in 1986 and lived there until moving to Sutton. They had two adorable sons, John Christopher and Thomas James. Dave always said that a guy could not have two better sons. His favorite role was when he became grandpa to Maverick and Memphis. There was always a snack

waiting for them by his chair when they came over.

He was a charter member of the Sons of the Legion in Ohioa, a member of the Ohioa Fire Department, served on the Ohioa School Board, and served on the Zion Lutheran Church Board. He was also a member of the Ohioa Methodist Church in Ohioa. After some gentle prodding from Joni, he became a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Sutton. He knew it would please her to become a Lutheran so they could be on the same cloud one day.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Fritz and Joan; his parents in law, Edward and Marjorie Langhorst; sister-in-law, Linda Heape; aunt, Gretchen Dunker; uncle, Lawrence Rohr; aunt and uncle, Eugene and Deloris Jiskra; and aunt and uncle, Patricia and Willard Rippe.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Joni of Sutton, Nebraska; sons, John and partner, Thomas Shaw of Lincoln, Nebraska and Tom and wife Danielle of Sutton, Nebraska; his favorite grandsons, Maverick Dean and Memphis Joe of Sutton, Nebraska; his best dog buddy, Franklin; brother, Jim and wife Kim of Geneva, Nebraska; brother, Chris and wife Julie of Strang, Nebraska; nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, and many friends.

A Memorial Service for Dave was held on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Ohioa. Nancy Craddock accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Borning Cry" and "Amazing Grace." The recorded processional and recessional songs were "Here Comes The Sun" and "I'll Fly Away."

Honorary pallbearers for the Memorial Service included John Riel, Jim Baumann, Ken Sundermeier, John Steider, Pat O'Brien, and Craig Bowman.

A private Committal of Ashes will take place at Harmony Cemetery at a later date.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the Grace Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church (Sutton), and the Fillmore County Hospital Foundation.

Card of Thanks

The family of Dave Dunker would like to thank everyone for their support and words of comfort during his final illness and passing. Thank you to everyone at Fillmore County Hospital and Bryan East for their exceptional care of Dave through the years. There are not enough words to express the thanks to everyone for the help that they have given. It just shows how much Dave meant to everyone.

Thank You,

Joni Dunker

John Dunker and Thomas Shaw

Tom and Danielle Dunker and Family Jim and Kim Dunker and Family Chris and Julie Dunker

Cemetery Details

Harmony Cemetery

Road 16 & Road W
Bruning, NE 68322

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
1920 Road W
Ohiowa, NE 68416

Tribute Wall



“ 52 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - July 15, 2023 at 12:58 PM

SG

“ *I enjoyed working with Dave at the hospital. I will always remember his willingness to help, his sense of humor and his love of westerns.*

Sue Gelster - July 14, 2023 at 10:08 PM

MW

“ *Melea Walters lit a candle in memory of David Dunker*



Melea Walters - July 14, 2023 at 04:34 PM

JA

“ *Joni and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you!
Bob & Joan Ackland*

Joan Ackland - July 14, 2023 at 01:49 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.*



RodandSandi Renken - July 14, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Dean "Dave" Dunker.*



July 14, 2023 at 12:42 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Dave's passing. We know he will be deeply missed by all those who love and knew him. May God be with you during this difficult time.*

Sincerely,

Marvin & Bridgette Brummer

Marvin & Bridgette Brummer - July 13, 2023 at 09:40 PM

MB

“ *Marvin Bridgette Brummer lit a candle in memory of David Dunker*



Marvin & Bridgette Brummer - July 13, 2023 at 09:38 PM

LP

“ *So many wonderful memories from school days & most of the class returning to Ohiowa from college on Fridays to keep our group going. Dave always had a smile & ideas of pranks we could pull! Joni, John, & Tom may your memories become golden treasures.*



LaDonna Pendleton - July 13, 2023 at 07:41 PM

DW

“ *Prayers to you and your family Joni.*

Diane Weber - July 13, 2023 at 02:41 PM

BO

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Dave always had time to stop chat with everyone he met. He will be missed by many.*

Bobbie - July 13, 2023 at 11:04 AM

HS

“ *Harmony, Avery, and Monica Shaw purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of David Dean "Dave" Dunker.*



Harmony, Avery, and Monica Shaw - July 13, 2023 at 10:06 AM

SK

“ *Sending love, hugs and prayers. Everyone loved Dave. Take care.*

Shelli Krupicka - July 12, 2023 at 09:48 PM

MH

“ *Keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers.*



Mike & Lynne Houser - July 12, 2023 at 07:30 PM

VJ

“ *Thoughts and prayers! Dave will be missed by so many! 🙏*



Virginia Johnson - July 12, 2023 at 04:39 PM

SM

“ *My prayers are with you and your family.*

Sandi Hogue Mewhirter



Sandra L Mewhirter - July 12, 2023 at 02:19 PM

LN

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Dunker families!!*



Linda Newell - July 12, 2023 at 09:53 AM

BT

“ *Prayers for the Dunker families.*
Tom and Barb Trapp



Barbara Trapp - July 12, 2023 at 08:17 AM

BR

“ *Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of David Dunker*



Bonnie Rippe - July 11, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *I will always remember Dave for his humor and dedication to his job. We had a lot of fun Dave may you now rest in peace and pain free rip dunker*



Tom Ohnesorge - July 11, 2023 at 05:26 PM