



Duane D. Dlouhy

September 19, 1941 - June 6, 2022

A Funeral Service for Duane will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at the Tobias Gymnasium in Tobias, Nebraska with Pastor Murry Johnston presiding.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home - Kotas Chapel in Milligan, Nebraska.

It is Duane's wishes to be cremated following the funeral service.

Private Family Burial of Ashes will take place at a later date in the Tobias Cemetery in rural Tobias, Nebraska.

Casual Dress is requested by Duane's family.

Memorials are to be directed to Jefferson Community Health & Life Hospital or the Western Fire Department.

Duane D. Dlouhy was born to Joseph and Evelyn (Uldrich) Dlouhy on September 19, 1941 in Tobias, Nebraska, and passed away on June 6, 2022 at Jefferson Community Hospital in Fairbury, Nebraska surrounded by his wife, Kathryn, of 59 years, his daughter and his two grandsons. He was 80

years of age.

When Duane was a year old, he lost mother and was raised by his grandparents and aunts and uncles until his father was able to take care of him and raise him with the help of friends. He graduated from Tobias High School in 1959 and was most proud of being on the State Basketball Championship team. After graduating he enrolled in airline school in Chicago with a high school classmate.

Duane worked numerous jobs in his working life...to name a few, Omar Man, Tiney's Electric Company and Postmaster.

In 1963, he married a small-town girl from Western, Kathryn Schmidt, and lived in Lincoln where their only daughter, Kim, was born.

His love for sports was his entertainment, he was an avid Husker fan and went to many games, one of the most memorable following them to Hawaii with a group of close friends. His favorite sport to play was softball which he played in Lincoln and continued playing when he moved to Daykin where he became the Postmaster. Of course, there was always a cooler of adult beverages taken along on these softball games for "relaxation" purposes following the win or loss. The fun they had road tripping home from softball games usually had stops in corn fields to grab some ears of corn for a supper/snack when he got home. His team's softball parties were always a highlight and enjoyable for Duane and Kathryn.

After retiring from his Postmaster job in Daykin in 1998 Duane and Kathryn moved to Branson, Missouri to be closer to their daughter and two grandsons and were a major part in raising them because of this their grandsons chose to change their last name to Dlouhy, Duane was so proud.

While living in Branson, Duane work at Osmond Family Theater as a part-time job, as an usher but refused to carry a candle at the end of the show to sing "Silent Night". He also worked for Silver Dollar City as a brochure distributor and enjoyed driving his van to all the theaters and restaurants.

After years down in Branson, Missouri Duane and Kathryn decided to move back to Nebraska and reside in Western after their grandsons decided to come to Nebraska for college and small-town life.

With his grandsons going off to college, he and Kathryn became "empty nesters" and started spending their winters down at South Padre Island in Texas where they enjoyed friends and the warm weather.

Duane lived his life to the fullest!!

He leaves behind his wife, Kathryn; daughter, Kim and husband, Tim Tuley; grandson, Josh Dlouhy; grandson, Hayden and wife, Laine Dlouhy and a great-grandson on the way.

Cemetery Details

Tobias Cemetery

2141 Road 300
Tobias, NE 68453

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel
Main Street
Milligan, NE 68406
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

JUN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel
Main Street
Milligan, NE 68406
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

JUN 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

Tobias Gymnasium
Tobias, NE 68453

Tribute Wall



“ 31 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - June 09, 2022 at 05:58 PM

MI

“ Kathy & Kim,

So sorry to hear the news about Duane. There were many fond memories between our families growing up. Everything from camping and boating trips, to spending time at each other's house, etc. I remember Duane's love for the Huskers, and Kathy's love for Elvis Presley. One night Kim and I watched a supposedly scary movie. There was a scene where a werewolf was driving a dune buggy on the beach. Sounds silly... But we both laughed so hard I don't think we could continue the movie. All great memories that will always stay with me!

My thoughts are with you both and your families..

Mike Jirkovsky

Omaha, Nebraska

Mike.Jirkovsky@gmail.com - June 09, 2022 at 02:22 PM

VH

“ *Kathy,
What do I say but you have my deepest sympathy. I know you will miss him dearly. You guys did so much together. And the FUN!!!! Always cherish the wonderful memories!! Please extend my sympathy to Kim and you GRANDS!
Vicki Haskell*

Vicki Haskell - June 08, 2022 at 08:14 PM

JJ

“ *Kathy/Kim, It's with great sadness to hear of Duane's passing. Jake had just mentioned he had a nice visit with him at the Tobias reunion. I have many fond memories of Duane and you two. From our many camping trips to Bluestem, to learning how to water ski from your boat, and where I'm positive Duane made some extra sharp turns to send me flying, to fishing, to our get togethers in Lincoln where food, laughter and pivos (for the adults) were always plentiful.*

*Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your husband and Father and may God keep you both in his prayers. Joe/Mary Jirkovsky,
Tim's River, NJ*

joseph Jirkovsky - June 08, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane D. Dlouhy.*



June 08, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Duane D. Dlouhy.*



June 08, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ *Kim and family,
I have such fond memories of your dad. He and your mom were real troopers as we tested their patience during high school. If I had a dollar for every time he came looking for us. However, I think I softened him up a bit by calling him dad. I spent many nights out on the farm and in town. In both places I remember him coming home from work with a smile and a kind request: “girls, turn down that music.” Actually, now that I think about it, maybe it wasn’t always a smile. Maybe it was more like an order than a request, but in his defense, we challenged him quite a bit. I will always be grateful for all of the places he drove us before we could drive ourselves. One time in particular was when they took us to state basket ball. (Even though you don’t remember, I swear it happened.) I do appreciate that he always kept his door open for your friends. As years passed, I’d often run into your parents at ballgames. The times changed, all of our appearances changed, but his love for sports and for Meridian remained quite evident. I also remember how proud he was of your track talents, Kim, and although I always came in last he always gave me a vote of confidence. I could go on and on. I just want you to know how sorry I am for your loss. He was a determined man who enjoyed a good time, and may you find strength in the fond memories as well.*

Love, Shari (Bachle) Johnson

Shari Johnson - June 07, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Duane D. Dlouhy.* ”



June 07, 2022 at 10:09 PM

JF

“ Oh Duane my boy. The memories. We knew each other practically from day one. Our dads played Tobias town team baseball together for years. I will always remember the story you told me about going to Tobias grade school for the first time. Your mother having passed away when you were not yet 2 years old you had been raised by relatives. And probably spoiled to the hilt. You told your Aunt that you were not going to go school. Period. She said but Jimmy Fisher will be there. You finally growled OK I'll go. And yes you could growl even in 1st grade. And another time a few years later the pride we both felt when we were the only two people pulled out of our lower grade school class to play softball against another school. We were the youngest on the team by far.

And we must never forget that you were the best quarterback Tobias ever had and probably the best passer in the county. Not so much for track and field though. You came out the senior year. The track was out where the baseball field is now. Coach had us running a few laps and when we finished you were nowhere to be found. Coming around the last curve you and Mick Sokolik didn't make the turn, you just kept running straight all the way back to to the gym. And we never saw you again.

And so many other memories. Not enough time or space. Like the time we celebrated after winning the District basketball Tourney in Swanton until 3 in the morning driving around in your black 54 Ford with a few adult beverages along for the ride. That didn't go over too well in some households. But thanks to your help as the best 6th man since John Havlicek we won it all anyway. Speaking of basketball you are of course responsible for that Championship banner that has hung in the Tobias Gym for the last 32 years. When the class of 1959 turned 50 years old it was decided, probably by you, that we should have a celebration. And boy did we in the Tobias Gym. The class and invited guests went through 11 kegs of Coors if memory serves. At four o'clock that morning you looked up at the ceiling of the gym and blurted out we need a championship banner just like the Boston Celtics. Your idea, it was designed and

Sam had it made in Lincoln.

And so much more including the last 20 years or so when we would text or call weekly giving each other a hard time and calling each names. And your tirades about wanting to fire whatever Husker coach that had lost a game that week. You are going to be missed by many but none more than me. I am sorry I can't be there to send you off but rest assured the next time I can make it to Nebraska I will come visit you.

Jim Fisher

Jim Fisher - June 07, 2022 at 09:12 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Duane D. Dlouhy.*



June 07, 2022 at 07:17 PM