



## Frank A. Chapman

March 15, 1950 - July 6, 2021

Frank Andrew Chapman was born March 15, 1950 in Lincoln, Nebraska to Archie (AD) and Delight Chapman. He passed away peacefully in Grand Island at St. Francis Medical Center on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 71 years of age.

The oldest son, Frank grew up in the gym following his dad Archie in Sterling and Geneva to all the games, and seeing him win state basketball championships in 1957 and 1965. After a move while in high school, he graduated with the class of 1968 from Lexington High School. He was a four-year starter in football at center for his dad.

On August 16, 1970, he was united in marriage to Gail Eich in Geneva. They graduated from Kearney State College and began long teaching careers with stops in Ruskin, Deshler, and Hampton.

Two sons were born to this union, Anthony Ryan and Tyler Brett. They followed their dad everywhere — football fields, gyms and golf courses. One of their favorite trips together was to the Masters in 2001.

Mr. Chapman — Coach — impacted many lives teaching history, geography and loads of kids how to drive in the summer. He was a passionate football and basketball coach who extended his classroom to the field and court. He

led his teams in Hampton to the state football playoffs twice and in 1990 his girl's basketball team won the state championship. He was a founding member of the Nebraska 8-Man Football Coaches Association and also active in the Nebraska Coaches Association.

After he retired from teaching, he joined Ag and Home Realty as a salesperson. Later he transferred to Woods Brothers Realty in York. When Gail retired from teaching, she joined her husband as the team of the "Spouses Selling Houses." They loved showing and selling houses and met clients who became lifelong friends.

His other love was golf, which he passed on to his sons as well. After teaching driver's education in the summer, he had a standing 4:40 tee time with his sons on an almost daily basis. He was a board member at the York Country Club for 25 years. Later in his life, he loved mowing the fairways at the club in the early morning dew. His classic half and half cut a personal favorite.

For their 25th anniversary, Frank and Gail traveled to Pinehurst, North Carolina. They loved it so much that they returned a few years later to purchase a condo. They shared it with many family and friends. They enjoyed yearly trips where Frank explored all the area golf courses and Gail went with him to pick up pine cones and cross stitch.

In 2004, his first granddaughter arrived. He became 'Bampo' to her and fondly became 'Bampo' to five more. He loved their visits and enjoyed following their activities. He softened some as he adjusted to the world of buttons and bows.

Frank was preceded in death by his dad Archie; in-laws Keith and Mary Eich; sister-in-law Karen Janda; and brother-in-law Dan Collins.

Left to carry on his legacy are his wife of 50 years, Gail of York; sons Tony

(Kerry) of Grand Island and Tyler (Latisha) of Wichita, Kansas; granddaughters Addison, Olivia and Ella; Londyn, Sydney and Liberty; his mother Dee of Geneva; brothers Randy (Judy) of Lexington, and Paul of Lincoln; sister Nancy (Steve) Heiser of Lincoln; sister-in-law Janene Collins of St. Joseph, Missouri; along with many nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service for Frank was held on Friday, July 9, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva. Pastor Stuart Davis officiated the Funeral Service. Nancy Craddock accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Here I Am Lord." The recorded selections theme from "A Summer Place," "What A Wonderful World" (recorded by Frank's Niece Adrienne Toney), "After All These Years," and The U.S. Open Theme Song "In Celebration Of Man" were also played during the Funeral Service.

Pallbearers included Eric Allgood, Aaron Allgood, P.R. Farmer, Paul Meyer, Tom Densmore, and Myron Parsley. Interment was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com)

Memorials are suggested to the York County Club, GRACE Foundation in Grand Island, or the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present for Visitation

JUL 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

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JUL 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
906 H Street  
Geneva, NE 68361

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ I had the pleasure of working for Frank & Gail as their Property Manager here in Pinehurst, NC for many a year. I will always remember Frank's laugh. It was always heartfelt. He was a kind soul. My deepest sympathies to Gail and the entire family. Fondly,  
Debbie Putz

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**Deborah L Putz** - July 15, 2021 at 11:37 AM



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**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - July 14, 2021 at 06:38 PM

MB

“ Delight (Dee) and family. We are so very to hear of your loss of Frank.  
We know he will be truly missed by all who loved and knew him.

*Our deepest sympathies.*

*Marvin & Bridgette Brummer  
Sutton, NE*

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**Marvin& Bridgette Brummer** - July 12, 2021 at 01:03 PM

DJ

“ *It was a pleasure and a privilege to get to know Frank and his family and spend so much time with him and the boys golfing in York and Henderson 30 years ago. I can still hear his laughter and sense his fun loving spirit. I'm grateful for a friendship that went beyond the golf course.*

*Don 'DJ' Johnson  
Kearney*

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**Don 'DJ' Johnson** - July 12, 2021 at 01:35 AM

IG

“ I was so sad to hear about Frank's passing. I stand with you, Gail, and your family, as the pain of this loss sinks in. I have a deep respect for "Coach Chapman" that extends beyond 40 years when Gail, you and Frank were teaching in Ruskin High School. I believe you were admired by everyone I knew and you had a tremendous impact on the students, parents and the community. That impact and admiration followed you wherever you both went and where there was "Coach Chapman", there was "Mrs. Chapman" and vice versa. You were the teaching dynamic duo, in not just the subjects you were teaching, but in the character traits and "right living" examples you modeled. Those traits are seen the most through your family with your boys and their wives and those beautiful granddaughters. They will be modeled for generations to come. I especially loved learning history and social science from "Mr. Chapman", and being under his tutelage helped immensely as I became a History Major at Kearney State College and went on to be a Military Intelligence Officer in the United States Army. Thank you, Frank, you are, and will always be, dearly loved. Gail, I'm keeping you and your entire family, along with friends and the community in prayer during this time of loss and mourning.

*Iva (Thayer) Grahek  
Lieutenant Colonel (ret)  
U.S. Army*

*For the Ruskin High School, Class of 1977, Tim Meyer, Tim Crowl, Mike Eggers, Mark Petersen, Phil Schoof, Barry Renz, Janice Schiermeyer, Deb Stichka, Donna Kuhlman and Iva Thayer.*

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**Iva (Thayer) Grahek** - July 10, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ 77 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - July 09, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ Gail, Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I can tell from reading Frank's obituary how much he loved his family and vice versa. While it's been a long time since I last saw you guys, I can still plainly hear Frank's laugh. He was a good man and will be dearly missed by his family and friends. God bless you and your family and please give my best to Janene. Dan Nichols

Dan Nichols - July 09, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of Frank A. Chapman



Caleb Rippe - July 08, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - *"Wherever a Beautiful Soul..."* was purchased for the family of Frank A. Chapman.



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July 08, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Frank A. Chapman.



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July 08, 2021 at 03:02 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Frank A. Chapman.



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July 08, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ Gail and family, sorry for your loss. He was a great guy. Bob Woodruff

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**Robert Woodruff** - July 08, 2021 at 02:20 PM

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“ Great memories from Geography class and Deshler track meets!  
Strength & comfort to Mrs. Chapman & family.  
Patty (Marquart) Grove

Patty Grove - July 08, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the  
family of Frank A. Chapman.



July 08, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Frank A. Chapman.



July 08, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Frank A. Chapman.



July 08, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank A. Chapman.



July 08, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank A. Chapman.



July 08, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank A. Chapman.



July 08, 2021 at 01:11 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Frank A. Chapman.



July 07, 2021 at 11:43 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Frank A. Chapman.*



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July 07, 2021 at 10:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank A. Chapman.*



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July 07, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *Hugs! Thoughts and prayers!*



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**Virginia Johnson** - July 07, 2021 at 06:13 PM