



## Ivan D. Davenport

May 25, 1959 - March 12, 2017

Ivan Dean Davenport was born in Belleville, Kansas on May 25, 1959 to Gale & Shirley (Counzelman) Davenport, and he passed away on March 12, 2017 at his home in Fairmont, Nebraska after a lingering illness at the age of 57 years, 9 months, and 15 days.

Ivan grew up in several different communities including Belleville, Kansas, Kearney, Nebraska and finally Elm Creek, Nebraska. He graduated from Elm Creek High School with the class of 1977.

Shortly after high school, Ivan began to drive truck and continued to drive for over 30 years until his health limitations prevented him from working. He worked as an owner/operator and as a paid driver for several companies throughout his life. The most recent companies he worked for included Nebraska Salt & Grain of Gothenburg and Ourada Trucking of Elm Creek. Ivan was a professional driver who took pride in his ability to drive safely, his customer service, and the appearance of his equipment. There is a “family tradition” of hard work and a job well done with several generations of the Davenport Family having driven commercial trucks, and there will be several more generations that follow in those footsteps.

In August of 1990, Ivan married Holly Jacobsen in Elm Creek, Nebraska. To this union two sons were born: Levi Gale Davenport and Jakob Scott

Davenport. Ivan and Holly made their home in Fairmont, Nebraska.

Ivan was preceded in death by his father Gale Davenport.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife Holly Davenport of Fairmont, Nebraska; sons Levi & Elicia (Hebrink) Davenport of York, Nebraska and Jakob Davenport of Fairmont, Nebraska; mother Shirley Davenport of Elm Creek, Nebraska; brothers Gary & Kathy Davenport of Kearney, Nebraska and Scott & Nancy Davenport of Overton, Nebraska. Ivan embraced the most recent addition of grandson Dean Brian Davenport. Baby Dean brought a smile and a glow to Ivan. As his first grandchild and "little buddy," the time Ivan spent with him was precious. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and dear friends all over the United States.

In truck stops and rock piles, elevators and pig sheds, Ivan never met a stranger, and he always tried to leave laughter as a reminder of his presence.

Ivan chose to have this Celebration of Life on a Saturday so that all his hard working friends could attend.

A Memorial Service for Ivan was held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the East Hills Church of Christ in York. Pastor Greg Clark officiated the service.

Honorary bearers for the service included Gary Davenport, Scott Davenport, Matt Davenport, Tyler Davenport, Russ Jacobsen, J.R. Pulver, Riley Pulver, and Taylor Pulver. Interment will be held at a later date. Farmer & Son Funeral Home of Geneva conducted the services. Online condolences may be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com) Memorials are suggested to the family.

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ To one of the best men in the world you will be missed by your family and friends the joyful memories of the happiest man I knew will stay with me forever

*Darnell Janulewicz*

Darnell Janulewicz - March 19, 2017 at 02:02 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - March 18, 2017 at 03:00 PM

BD

“ I knew Ivan from Back in the late 70's when i was working for Blue Beacon Truck Wash now Diamond Truck Wash in Grand Island , if you couldn't get a long with Ivan you couldn't get a long with anyone! "keep on trucking Big I" you will be greatly missed!

Bob DesLaurier - March 16, 2017 at 03:41 PM

RK

“ Holly, Jakob and Levi,

*Sorry for your loss, our thoughts are with you.*

*Connie and Richard Kummer*

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**Richard Kummer** - March 16, 2017 at 09:49 AM

VG

“ *I, too, as Miles mentioned, remember his laugh from high school days. Remember his drawings/artwork. A great guy. Peace be with his family. Vern Giboney*

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**Vern Giboney** - March 16, 2017 at 07:39 AM

CG

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Craig Graves** - March 15, 2017 at 11:06 PM

RK

“ *So Sorry for your loss!!! You're in our thoughts and prayers!  
Raymond and Linnea King*

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**Raymond and Linnea King** - March 15, 2017 at 09:26 PM

DS

“ Will miss you Ivan. Still remember the time you and I got caught running around the POE in Colo with the sets of doubles. They hauled us to the cop shop. How about the time we watched the guys unload chicken manure out of a hopper bottom in Denver. Always good times, you fought the good fight. RIP big I. Dusty Shifflett

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**Dusty Shifflett** - March 15, 2017 at 07:44 PM

NN

“ Loved Ivan's sense of humor! His son, Jakob, has been a good friend to my Grandson, Jason, for many years. Jason always felt welcome @ the Davenport home and told me Holly was like a 2nd Mom. The last time we had Breakfast w/Ivan, he was so happy to be a Grandpa and the baby had "white" hair, like him when he was born.

*We will miss him!*

*Dick & Nancy Nichols*

*Jim & Tina Nichols*

*Jason Nichols*

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**Nancy Nichols** - March 15, 2017 at 07:36 PM

BB

“ *BIG I One of the best!*

*Bill Burkey*

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**Bill J Burkey** - March 15, 2017 at 06:04 PM

AS

“ *Angie Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport*



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**Angie Schroeder** - March 15, 2017 at 02:53 PM

BS

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

*Brenda Sterns*

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**Brenda Sterns** - March 15, 2017 at 09:33 AM

TJ

“ *Troy Jacobsen lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport*



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**Troy Jacobsen** - March 15, 2017 at 07:00 AM

TJ

*Troy, Karen, Amanda, Hailey, and Lake Jacobsen send our sympathy wish we could have made the trip back our prayers will be with you all Love you Holly!*

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**Troy Jacobsen** - March 15, 2017 at 07:04 AM

ME

“ So sorry for your families loss. My husband Mark and I have many memories with him from Nebraska Truck Center. He was a great man and would always make you smile even if you were having a bad day. Prayers to you all

Mark & Shawla Erlandson - March 14, 2017 at 08:56 PM

AS

“ Angie Schroeder sent a virtual gift in memory of Ivan D. Davenport



Angie Schroeder - March 14, 2017 at 08:05 PM

AS

“ Angie Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport



Angie Schroeder - March 14, 2017 at 07:59 PM

AS

“ My thoughts and prayers to the family of Big I. I will always remember those overalls and that smile that illuminated a room! Love, hugs, and blessings to all-ASchroed



Angie Schroeder - March 14, 2017 at 07:49 PM

BM

“ Prayers and sympathy to the Davenport family. Bob and Bev



beverly mohlman - March 14, 2017 at 07:44 PM

DH

“ Prayers for you all at this difficult time. He will be dearly missed. Love to all from the Heddingers.



Diane Heddingers - March 14, 2017 at 06:21 PM

Kim Coons

“ Kim Coons lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport



Kim Coons - March 14, 2017 at 04:42 PM

JM

“ Ivan was like a big brother and a best friend all in one to me. He and I were always laughing at something silly that we created whether it was a make believe story on the c.b. or some sort of prank we were giving the waitress ....or even to our wives, he will be deeply missed. Rest in peace BIG I ..may your family find peace and joy from the life he had, God will welcome his soul with arms wide open in heaven!!

Justin Mann - March 14, 2017 at 04:37 PM

MM

“ Have great memories of time with Ivan in high school including playing football together. He always had a great sense of humor...still remember his laugh 40 years later. -Miles Marshall

Miles Marshall - March 14, 2017 at 03:14 PM

JW

“ Joy Williams lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport



Joy Williams - March 14, 2017 at 02:59 PM

JB

“ Julie Brown lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport



Julie Brown - March 14, 2017 at 02:57 PM

MC

“ Doug and Ivan met while both were working for NSG. Doug enjoyed Ivan so much and will miss him a lot. One time when they were both headed to California, Ivan stopped here with Doug to have supper and shower...he was a great guest. We were very sorry to hear about his passing. Doug and Mary Curtis Nitemar Trucking Elsie NE

Mary Curtis - March 14, 2017 at 02:47 PM

SB

“ *Ivan you will be missed.. I will never forget your laugh, your smile and they way you made people want to be happy when they were around you!! One of my fondest memories was when I was young every Valentine's Day you would bring us roses!! You had such a big heart... I will miss you so very much!* ”



sherri Bice - March 14, 2017 at 02:22 PM

ML


“ *My prayers to his family I remember when he worked for my grandpa Lee Stone he gave me so much heck nicest man you could ever meet. Michelle (Stone) Linnemeyer* ”

Michelle (Stone) Linnemeyer - March 14, 2017 at 02:19 PM

LB

“ *To Levi, Jakob, Holly and the rest of the Davenport family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this heartbreaking time. I am praying that our Heavenly Father will give you strength, comfort and peace.* ”

Lenelle Braecklein - March 14, 2017 at 02:18 PM

 Todd Bauer

“ *Todd Bauer lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport* ”



Todd Bauer - March 14, 2017 at 02:05 PM

HE

“ *Ivan was such a sweetheart!! I remember him well from my days when I used to work out at moms cafe. So very sorry for your loss*



Heather - March 14, 2017 at 01:04 PM

 Tonya Anderson

“ *Holly - so sorry to hear of your loss. I still remember his vibrant personality and fun-loving guy from when we lived in Geneva and I taught with you at YRTC. Prayers for you and your family at this difficult time. God bless!*



Tonya Anderson - March 14, 2017 at 12:34 PM

RN

“ *Rodney And Donna Norrie lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport*



Rodney and Donna Norrie - March 14, 2017 at 12:21 PM

RN

*Our deepest sympathy to Holly & the boys. Ivan was never a stranger and always loved to visit. What a wonderful man.*

Rodney and Donna Norrie - March 14, 2017 at 12:23 PM

NH

“ Nate, Michelle, Taylor And Hunter lit a candle  
in memory of Ivan D. Davenport



Nate, Michelle, Taylor and Hunter - March 14, 2017 at 11:56 AM

BE

“ So sorry to see this. He was a very kind man

Becky - March 14, 2017 at 11:24 AM

JN

“ Ivan will be deeply missed by Family and friends. The wonderful  
memories and stories Ivan told will last forever in our hearts. May  
our thoughts and prayers be with the Family.  
John and Jeanie Nickel

John and Jeanie Nickel - March 14, 2017 at 10:42 AM

DM

“ My heartfelt sympathies to the Davenport family. Big I was the  
sweetest guy and a great dancer.

Dawn Miller - March 14, 2017 at 10:35 AM

RR

“ Condolences to Ivan Family!



Randy Roth - March 14, 2017 at 10:29 AM

DN

“ *David Naimon lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport*



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**David Naimon** - March 14, 2017 at 08:59 AM

BM

“ *Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport*



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**Brenda Motis** - March 14, 2017 at 08:18 AM

BM

*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.*

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**Brenda Motis** - March 14, 2017 at 08:19 AM

CE

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



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**Connie Ekeler** - March 14, 2017 at 08:06 AM

MC

*Sorry for your loss. Prayers are being said.*

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**Mary Chaney** - March 14, 2017 at 12:56 PM

CD

“ Casey And Jacoby Dosch lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport



Casey and Jacoby Dosch - March 14, 2017 at 07:44 AM

HE

“ Heather lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport



Heather - March 14, 2017 at 07:08 AM

TA

“ I never saw Ivan with out a smile. You will be missed Rest in Peace



Tammy - March 13, 2017 at 09:50 PM

ME

“ Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport



Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan - March 13, 2017 at 09:22 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear this. Sending thoughts and prayers.



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**Dorene Sattler** - March 13, 2017 at 07:42 PM

LP

“ Holly, Levi, Jacob, I have such fond memories of Ivan at sporting events we attended when the boys were in school. He was always so much fun to talk to. He was always happy and looked on the bright side of everything. I imagine he has the angels laughing and singing for joy! May God's peace be with you during this difficult time. May your memories become even more precious with the passing of time. LaDonna

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**LaDonna Pendleton** - March 13, 2017 at 07:25 PM

LP

“ LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Ivan D. Davenport



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**LaDonna Pendleton** - March 13, 2017 at 07:22 PM

BN

*I cannot tell you how much this guy was Loved by Me and all! Ivan and I were friends since our freshman year in school! We will miss him and send prayers!*

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**Brian Nickel** - March 13, 2017 at 10:54 PM

DL

*Out deepest sympathy to all your family,holly, at this difficult time  
Dori & Harold Olena*

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**Dori O lena** - March 14, 2017 at 06:38 AM

JO

*My sympathy to Shirley and family members. I have known Ivan all of  
his life---a terrific guy. Jeanette Orsborn*

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**Jeanette Orsborn** - March 14, 2017 at 01:28 PM

SL

*I have such great memories of your whole family when part of your  
family was at my house every day for several years. Ivan even used to  
bring Shaunna and I cinnamon rolls once in a while even after the boys  
were already in school. What a beautiful Christian family! May the good  
Lord give you strength and help you through this difficult time!!*

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**Sandy Lichti** - March 17, 2017 at 10:50 PM