



Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates

May 31, 1956 - January 2, 2025

Marion W. Yates, Jr. was born in York, Nebraska to Marion W. Yates, Sr. and Thelma (Folkner) Yates on May 31, 1956, and passed away unexpectedly January 2, 2025 at Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings, Nebraska at the age of 68 years, 7 months, and 2 days.

Marion attended Lutheran school in his elementary years, and he graduated from Geneva High School in 1975. He worked in various areas of agriculture, and ended a 30- year career with Norder Ag Supply in 2022.

Marion was more commonly called "Rowdy"; whether this name was given to mimic the Clint Eastwood character in "Rawhide" or earned, is still up for debate, but mostly by those who didn't know him well. He lived life to the fullest and was kind enough to give the community and his family stories of his escapades that have survived for years.

Family was the highest priority for Rowdy, and his many calls and visits will be missed.

Rowdy was also a hunting, boating, and camping enthusiast, but mostly he was a hard worker. He may have been accused of creating work just to stay busy, but this was when he was happiest.

Rowdy was married to Teri (McGowan) on June 7, 1980. Three children were born to this marriage: Shannon, Ryan, and Brooke. While stories were told of his various youthful adventures, his children were also given stern warnings of what he would do if they were to repeat them. If they did repeat them, he remained blissfully oblivious at the time of his passing.

Rowdy was preceded in death by his parents, Marion, Sr. and Thelma.

Rowdy is survived by his wife, Teri; children, Shannon (Michael) Spies, Ryan (Kathy) Yates, and Brooke (Michael) Braun; grandchildren, Avery Braun, Keziah Braun, and Martin Yates; sisters, Cheryl (Gerry) Priest, and Dawn Nuttall; father-in-law, James McGowan; brother-in-law, Hank McGowan; sister-in-law, Ann (Ken) Knust; nephews, Shane Hansen and Ryan McGowan; nieces, Shelly Martinez, Paige Milliken, and Addison McGowan; as well as five great nephews and nieces.

A Memorial Service for Rowdy was held on Friday, January 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Lay Pastor Michelle Lessard presided over the Service.

The recorded selections "Amazing Grace" and "I'll Fly Away" were played during the Service.

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

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

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

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ 41 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 10, 2025 at 09:55 AM

LC

“ Life Church purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.



Life Church - January 09, 2025 at 10:20 AM

CC

“ Teri I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time! Charlotte Carlson



Charlotte Carlson - January 07, 2025 at 06:12 PM

EW

“ We are so saddened to learn of the passing of Rowdy. We look back at the times our kids played in the neighborhood on east 4th and went to preschool and then Alcott together. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Gordon & Edith Wheeler

Edith Wheeler - January 07, 2025 at 09:54 AM

TR

“ Terry & Julie Rosenquist purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.



Terry & Julie Rosenquist - January 06, 2025 at 08:03 PM

FK

“ From the Kaskas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.



From the Kaskas - January 06, 2025 at 07:26 PM

FK

“ From the Kaskas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.

From the Kaskas - January 06, 2025 at 07:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.*



January 06, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.

January 06, 2025 at 10:47 AM



“ *Daryl and Nancy Hansen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.*



Daryl and Nancy Hansen - January 04, 2025 at 01:27 PM



“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Marion Yates*



Virginia Johnson - January 04, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.

January 03, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Marion Yates



Kent & Rose Theobald - January 03, 2025 at 07:51 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.



January 03, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.

January 03, 2025 at 07:22 PM

PF

“ *Priest Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Marion W. "Rowdy" Yates.*



Priest Family - January 03, 2025 at 06:38 PM