



Norman "Hoot" Tesar

August 13, 1943 - September 22, 2020

Norman L. "Hoot" Tesar, was born August 13, 1943 in Friend, Nebraska to Jerry and Leona (Krisl) Tesar. Hoot's life ended September 22, 2020 in Lincoln, Nebraska at Bryan/LGH East Medical Center after numerous battles with cancer at the age of 77 years, 1 month, and 9 days.

Hoot was baptized at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Ong, Nebraska on May 15, 1955. Hoot's early childhood was on a farm south of Tobias. He attended Tobias grade school until 1956. He then attended high school in Geneva, Nebraska graduating with the Class of 1961.

After high school, Hoot attended Wayne State College and worked various jobs. In 1965, he was eligible for the military draft and was inducted into the United States Army. After one year stationed in the United States, he began a 13 month deployment in Vietnam. While stationed there, Hoot was the crew chief/machine gunner on a Huey helicopter with 162nd Assault Helicopter Aviation Company. The numerous flights over the jungle led to a constant exposure to Agent Orange spray used to control the jungle vegetation. Agent Orange exposure was later suspected to aid in his affliction with cancer.

In 1967, Hoot was honorably discharged from the military, and he started Business College at UNL under the G.I. bill. Hoot graduated from UNL, but decided not to use his degree in business. Rather, he worked on and off in

construction and the Geneva Liquor Store for many years.

During this time period, Hoot met Mary (Kamler) Lauenstein, and they were married on January 22, 1991 in Las Vegas. They truly enjoyed their loving marriage, taking trips to Las Vegas, enjoying football games with their good friends Leo and Sharon, going to casinos, going to the horse races, enjoying their families, and enjoying life in general.

After working in the Geneva Liquor store for a few years, Hoot began his last employment, once again with Webb Construction. This was a job he enjoyed the most, especially the friendship of co-workers. This construction career would continue until cancer forced him to retire in 1998.

Hoot was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather Henry Cecrle; brother Gaylen Tesar; mother-in-law Rosie Peter; and sister-in-law Pat Lutt.

He is survived by his wife Mary; son Tony & Karen Lauenstein of Shickley, Nebraska; grandsons Tyler & Kelsey Lauenstein and Dylan and Taylor Lauenstein and their son Mason Lauenstein, all of Shickley, Nebraska; brother Jerry L. (Jake) Tesar of Geneva, Nebraska and friend Pam Turner of Lincoln, Nebraska, sisters Marlys & Jim Voth of Kearney, Nebraska, Cindy & Steve Carrigan of Geneva, Nebraska; sister-in-law Betty & Bob Himmelberg of Lawrence, Nebraska; nieces & nephews; special friends Sharon and Leo Lott of Geneva, Nebraska; and numerous other friends.

A Memorial Service for Hoot was held on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the East Side Event Center in Geneva, Nebraska. Pastor Stuart Davis officiated the Memorial Service. The recorded selections "For The Good Times," "Go Rest High," and "Apples, Peaches, Pumpkin Pie" were played during the service. "Call To Post" signaling the beginning of a Horse race was played at the conclusion of the Memorial Service. The recorded recessional

song was "Precious Memories."

Interment was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Memorial Service. Military Rites were performed by the Geneva VFW Samuel J. Marsh Post 7102 and the Nebraska Military Honor Guard.

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

In Lieu of flowers, memorial are suggested to the Geneva VFW or Geneva Rescue Squad.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall

DN

“Hoot was one of the kindest people that I have ever known in my lifetime. He was a cherished friend and a person who was willing to help anyone at any time. I will miss our road trips to Burrell and our weekly conference calls. I am quite certain that he and Rich are giving a little advice on betting the ponies to the Good Lord! Rest in peace and know that Julie and I think of you every day.

Dick and Julie Newman

Dick Newman - October 02, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“R.I.P Hoot. I already miss you like crazy. You were such a kind, respectful guy. You were one of my biggest supporters. Ill miss our constant talks about how covid is a government scam. I still feel horrible that you haven't been able to be with Mary for months because of this shit. I will miss the random \$3 you gave me and said (go start drinking beer at 4 and have the 1st one on me) I will buy the next few rounds when we meet again, friend!

Brandon Reinsch - September 28, 2020 at 11:13 PM



“ 57 files added to the album Tesar Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - September 28, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ *Mary and family- We were so sadden to read of Norm’s passing. I had the nicest visit this spring with “Hoot” at the gas station in Geneva . He was such dear a friend to my dad (Mike Hromadka). Dad enjoyed all the road trips and in the later years the visits he made at the farm! Norm was a very kind and one exceptional individual. I’m sure my dad and him are reunited in heaven, talking sports. God bless you all and our sympathy. Sincerely, Jane and Sam Antholz.*

Jane Antholz - September 28, 2020 at 08:54 AM



Yes, I remember Hoot and I, always stopping by to visit with your dad. They were great friends. As was most who knew Hoot.

Bob Webb - September 29, 2020 at 02:29 PM

SM

“ Stacey Muff lit a candle in memory of Norman "Hoot" Tesar



Stacey Muff - September 27, 2020 at 09:58 PM

MB

“ Sorry for your loss Mary. Hoot was one in a billion,It dont get any better than that. Every time he came to Tobias, he would stop by and visit and ask how Melissa 1, Melissa 2, and Melissa 3 were doing, he would make them laugh. He will be dearly missed. May God bless you and your family. Mark Bartels Sandy and the 3 Melissa,s

Mark Bartels - September 27, 2020 at 02:30 PM

WC

“ MARY I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT HOOTS PASSING. WE SHARED MANY MEMORIES TOGETHER AND I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I GOT TO FT LENTERWOOD FOR BASIC TRAINING WE WOUND UP IN THE SAME PLATOON. I'LL REALLY MISS HIM AND THINKING OF YOU. GOD BLESS YOU. WAYNE CHURCHILL

wayne Churchill - September 27, 2020 at 04:14 AM

GS

“ Gene Saatmann purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Norman "Hoot" Tesar.



Gene Saatmann - September 26, 2020 at 11:00 PM

JL

“ Mrs. Tesar -

I am writing this note for Marlene Schademann who wants to get in touch with you. She said that she and her husband, Marvin, were acquainted with you in the past. Would you be willing to call her - 402 - 759 - 5849 - She lives in Lincoln now at Gramercy Hill Senior Center (formerly in Geneva). I told her I would try this way to contact you. Thank you so much - and she sends prayers for you and your family at this time.

*Judy Lott
402-604-5765 (if you need more information)*

Judy Lott - September 26, 2020 at 10:09 PM

BV

“ *The HORSES are sure going to miss him and all of us others to.
Bud Vontz*

bud vontz - September 26, 2020 at 09:16 PM

RJ

“ *Vietnam War veteran and a man of honesty and integrity. Add to that one of the nicest and caring people ever and that says it all.RIP*

Randy Jirkovsky - September 26, 2020 at 03:51 PM

DC

“ *Dick and Kathie Cappel purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Norman "Hoot" Tesar.*



Dick and Kathie Cappel - September 26, 2020 at 10:34 AM

MW

“ *Melea Walters lit a candle in memory of Norman "Hoot" Tesar*



Melea Walters - September 26, 2020 at 01:39 AM

BJ

“ *Bruce And Jody lit a candle in memory of Norman "Hoot" Tesar*



Bruce and Jody - September 25, 2020 at 03:20 PM

PH

“ *Heaven gained a wonderful angel! I am sure everyone is enjoying his sense of humor 😊 Not sure how long I knew Hoot, but feels like forever. And so enjoyed his sweet wife, Mary. When John was in Old Cheney Rehab, I realized Mary was also there. We reconnected and we had some fun meals with them! And when I couldn't be there or Hoot couldn't- John and Mary would eat together. And I am sure would discuss what awesome spouses they had 😂 Our deepest sympathy to Mary and her family. 🙏 Hugs from Pat and John Hoffschneider*



Pat Hoffschneider - September 25, 2020 at 02:34 PM

HF

“ *Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Norman "Hoot" Tesar*



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - September 25, 2020 at 01:49 PM

LS

“ *Leo And Sharon lit a candle in memory of Norman "Hoot" Tesar*



Leo and Sharon - September 25, 2020 at 01:37 PM

JJ

“ *Our heartfelt condolences from New Jersey to Mary and family. The man we call "Hoot" was a true warrior! Whether it was on the battlefields of Vietnam, or his long battle with a horrible disease we all HATE, he fought bravely. Cancer may have took his physical life, but it never touched his heart or soul. We will remember Hoot in our own unique way and mine happens to be the countless times he called me "meat head" (lol) and his never ending humor. God speed Norman, God bless Mary and family!
Love Joe, Mary, Meghan, Shannon, Charles and baby Cameron*

Joseph Jirkovsky - September 25, 2020 at 11:42 AM

RB

“ Rick And Sandy Bolejack lit a candle in memory of Norman "Hoot" Tesar



Rick and Sandy Bolejack - September 25, 2020 at 09:57 AM

BB

“ Sorry to hear the news. May your memories bring comfort in the days to come

Bobbie Bock-Itzen - September 25, 2020 at 09:32 AM

JU

“ Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Norman "Hoot" Tesar



Janine Uldrich - September 25, 2020 at 05:17 AM

BW

“ I have many great memories of my good friend Hoot. He was a awesome friend and a great person. I especially loved our rural Saturday drives, listening to Lyell Bremser and Husker football. The times he spent teaching me to read the horse racing forms, in my high school years. And many, many more that are to numerous to mention now. We hadn't spoken in many years and that is all on me. I send my thoughts and prayers to Mary and family. Bob Webb

Bob Webb - September 24, 2020 at 10:20 PM

JR

“ Hoot was the best always made me laugh! He's going to be missed greatly. my heart goes out to Mary, Jake, Cindy and Marlys and their families!!

Mike and Jody Richmond

Jody Richmond - September 24, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Norman "Hoot" Tesar.



September 24, 2020 at 04:59 PM

LD

“ Lisa Dondlinger lit a candle in memory of Norman "Hoot" Tesar



Lisa Dondlinger - September 24, 2020 at 01:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Norman "Hoot" Tesar.



September 24, 2020 at 01:10 PM

CT

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cheryl Kay Tesar - September 24, 2020 at 12:07 PM

SN

“ Hoot always had a smile and a kind word with everyone he met . He was there for us when Dick and Steve loss their dad. He will be greatly missed our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and Jerry and family Steve and Jo Newman

Steve and Jo Newman - September 24, 2020 at 11:11 AM