



Richard E. Kamler

March 9, 1950 - July 23, 2024

Richard Earl Kamler was born on March 9, 1950 in Geneva, Nebraska to William Richard & Phyllis June (Hogue) Kamler. He died on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at his home in Shickley, Nebraska at the age of 74 years, 4 months, and 14 days. He was one of 6 children born in the family.

Richard graduated from Geneva High School with the class of 1968. Richard began taking flying lessons while in High School, earning his pilot's license in 1968. He went on to earn an Associates Degree from Western Vocational Technical School in 1970 for Aviation Maintenance.

On January 31, 1970, Richard was united in marriage to Cathy Jackson. Two daughters were born to this union: Nancy & Kris. Richard then met the love of his life, Sue, and they were married on August 19, 1983. The couple moved to Lincoln where Richard worked at Duncan Aviation. After 10 ½ years in Lincoln, they moved to Lemoyne, Nebraska, where Richard took employment with Union Pacific Railroad. After 17 ½ years with Union Pacific, Richard retired on January 2, 2016.

Richard & Sue lived overlooking Lake McConaughy. Richard loved being close to the lake and activities associated with the lake. He took pride in Lake McConaughy, and had a big interest of keeping the grounds at the lake orderly.

Later in life, Richard picked up a passion for firearms. He loved the history of them and how the internal mechanisms worked. Through his interest in firearms, he developed a love of target shooting. In 2021, Richard and Sue moved to Shickley, Nebraska. After his move back home, he enjoyed helping his brother Mike with the farm, manufacturing and designing shooting targets, and spending numerous hours on his target shooting range.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, William & Phyllis Kamler; brother Tom Kamler; brother-in-law George Engle, Jr; nephews Christopher Kamler and Kevin Kamler; and son-in-law Andy Brown.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Kamler of Shickley, Nebraska; daughters, Nancy & Bob Pavel of York, Nebraska, and Kristina Kokes of Tucson, Arizona; stepson, Scott Fortner of Palm Springs, California; stepdaughter, Jan Brown of Sedgewick, Colorado; brothers, Jim & Susy Kamler of Geneva, Nebraska, and Mike & Kim Kamler of Shickley, Nebraska; sisters, Susan Engle of Geneva, Nebraska, and Bonnie & Ron Zelenka of Fairmont, Nebraska; sister-in-law, Shirley Kamler of Ohiowa, Nebraska; 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

A Graveside Service for Richard was held on Friday, July 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, rural Shickley, Nebraska. Father Brendan Kelly & Pastor Ben Schlegel presided over the service.

Pallbearers included Mike Gewecke, Jim Engle, Reuben Engle, Scott Fortner, Brant Brown, Mike Kamler, and Eric Kamler.

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

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Rural Shickley, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 25. 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 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JUL **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
703 Swartzendruber Dr
Shickley, NE 68436

Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest sympathy to the Kamler families in the loss of Richard.* ”



Karla Slezak - July 26, 2024 at 07:58 PM

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“ *Shelly Cooley lit a candle in memory of Richard Kamler* ”



Shelly Cooley - July 26, 2024 at 09:52 AM

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“ *Shelly Cooley lit a candle in memory of Richard Kamler* ”



Shelly Cooley - July 26, 2024 at 09:20 AM

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“ Richard (and Sue) lived at Lake McConaughy for years, and many referred to him as “The Mayor”. We are blessed to call them friends. Richard knew everyone, always had a smile and a conversation to share. He cared for the community, used his own resources to spray for weeds along the main road, mowed the ditches, graded the beach and moved docks with his tractors. If it needed done, he was the first one to act on it. If you needed anything, he was there to provide it, and also to lend a hand. He had a true servants heart. We enjoyed so many wonderful times with Richard (and Sue) on the beaches of Lake Mac before their move to Shickley. Repeat campers to the area still ask about him to this day. To say he is greatly missed, is an understatement. He was a true treasure. Sue, you are loved, in our hearts always, and have our deepest sympathies.
Jeff and Shelly Cooley

Shelly Cooley - July 26, 2024 at 09:02 AM

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Thank you for this touching remembrance.

Kristina Kokes - July 29, 2024 at 10:34 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to all of the family . Keith and Cristy(Best) Koch

cristy - July 25, 2024 at 09:28 PM

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“ Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Richard Kamler



Kent & Rose Theobald - July 24, 2024 at 09:56 PM