



## Rod Kudlacek

September 7, 1948 - April 25, 2021

Rodney Paul Kudlacek was born September 7th, 1948 to Albin G. and Edith M. (Novacek) Kudlacek in Shelby, Nebraska. He passed away at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, Nebraska on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at the age of 72 years, 7 months, and 18, days.

The family moved to Milligan, Nebraska in 1951 and then to Grafton, Nebraska in 1959. He attended elementary school in Grafton and high school in Fairmont, where he graduated in 1966.

Rod joined the Navy in March of 1968 and served through November of 1970 aboard the armed forces courier USS Jamestown AGTR-3. The ship had top secret clearance to wrap, handle and deliver classified materials to various locations in Vietnam as well as being routed to Washington, D.C. National Security Agency at the Pentagon. He was discharged at the rank of 3rd Class Petty Officer CTA3.

Rod returned to Grafton and worked in the grain business at BH&L with his father. He later worked at Wynne Transport as a dispatcher for over 30 years.

In 1973, Rod married Lea Wach. To this union two children were born: Petra Marie in 1979 and Perry Christopher in 1982. Rod became a Grandpa in February of 2000 to Triston and again in December of 2012 to Dexter.

Rod was a former member of the Grafton Village board, Grafton Volunteer Fire Department, and a lifelong member of St. Helena's Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Samuel J. Marsh Geneva VFW post #7102, where he served on the board as Quartermaster. He thoroughly enjoyed the comradery of his friends and fellow veterans at the VFW club.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, Nascar Races and spending time with his grandsons.

Rod was preceded in death by his mother Edith (Novacek) Kudlacek; many Kudlacek aunts and uncles; and many Novacek uncles and cousins.

He is survived by his wife Lea; daughter Petra (Michael) Robinson and son Triston of Olathe, Kansas; son Perry and his son Dexter of Thurman, Iowa; father Albin (Irma) Kudlacek of Geneva, Nebraska; brother Gary (Marilyn) Kudlacek of Grafton, Nebraska; Aunt Gladys Hladik of Columbus, Nebraska; sister-in-law Sandy (Jake) Allen of Olathe, Kansas; brother-in-law Sandy Wach of Lincoln, Nebraska; nieces, nephews, and many cousins.

A Funeral Mass for Rod was held on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Helena Catholic Church in Grafton, Nebraska. A Rosary was prayed prior to the Mass. Father Michael Zimmer officiated the services. Deb Hoarty accompanied the congregation in the singing of "How Great Thou Art," "One Bread, One Body," "Be Not Afraid," and "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory."

Pallbearers for the service included Tom Hiatt, Tom Trumble, Jeff Trumble, Dick Hoarty, Chris Whitesell, and Sandy Wach. Honorary Pallbearers included Paul Morgison, Dwayne Kudlacek, Ervin Ochsner, Stan Tatro, Carl Schaldecke, and Andrew Trumble.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors was held in the Holy Cross

Cemetery, Grafton, Nebraska, following the Funeral Mass. Military Honors were performed by the Samuel J. Marsh Geneva VFW Post 7102 and the Navy Honor Guard.

Memorials are suggested to the St. Helena Catholic Church or the Samuel J. Marsh Geneva VFW Post 7102.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

Grafton, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Helena Catholic Church  
172 Jackson Avenue  
Grafton, NE 68365

## Funeral Mass

APR **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

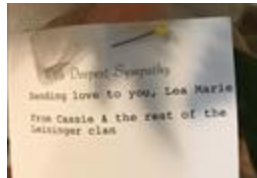
St. Helena Catholic Church  
172 Jackson Avenue  
Grafton, NE 68365



# Tribute Wall



“ 48 files added to the album Flower Pictures



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**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - April 30, 2021 at 05:06 PM



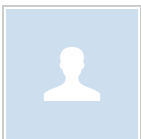
“ Our thoughts & prayers to Lea & family at this difficult time.

*Frank & Karla Slezak*



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**Karla Slezak** - April 29, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rod Kudlacek.



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April 29, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rod Kudlacek.*



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April 29, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Rod Kudlacek*



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**Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe** - April 29, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rod Kudlacek.*



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April 29, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ *Spent my childhood in Grafton and remember Rod and Lea and babysitting your kids. Thoughts and prayers to your family.  
Julie (Oates) Nunnenkamp*

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**Julie Nunnenkamp** - April 29, 2021 at 09:25 AM

PG

“ Rod I am going to miss you and your humor. But I know you are finally at peace. RIP Buddy. Pat Gewecke

Pat Gewecke - April 29, 2021 at 12:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rod Kudlacek.



April 28, 2021 at 11:23 PM

CO

“ My sincere thoughts, prayers and sympathy goes out to the Kudlacek family and friends of Rod and Lea. Rod, we will miss you and your sense of humor. The town of Grafton has lost another great citizen and Veteran. Thank you for your devoted years in the Military and Grafton Fire Department. Prayers for strength and healing.  
Carol and Shane Oliver Tracey Gowen and Family



Carol Oliver - April 28, 2021 at 06:06 PM

MR

“ So sorry to hear about Rod, he was a great guy, we will miss him ❤️

Mark & Sarah Reinsch - April 28, 2021 at 02:26 PM

KG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kristi Godown - April 28, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rod Kudlacek.



April 28, 2021 at 09:31 AM

KT

“ Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Rod Kudlacek



Kent & Rose Theobald - April 27, 2021 at 10:36 PM

RN

“ So sorry to hear this, our deepest sympathy to the entire Kudlacek family. Rod was one of the funniest people you would ever meet, his quick wit and humor made visiting with him an adventure and joy. His one liners were hilarious. He will be greatly missed at the VFW and by everyone that knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Rodney & Donna Norrie - April 27, 2021 at 07:15 PM

VJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers!*



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**Virginia Johnson** - April 27, 2021 at 05:32 PM

CM

*So hard to let go of a loved one. No matter if they are 95 or younger we are never ready. Love and sympathy.*  
Cassie

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**Cathy Mohnike** - April 29, 2021 at 12:42 PM