



D. L. Fullmer

May 27, 1943 - June 28, 2020

D.L. Fullmer, age 77, of Kearney, passed away Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Good Samaritan Society – St. John’s in Kearney. Memorial graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at the Kearney Cemetery with Marletta Wilkens officiating. Military honors graveside will be provided by American Legion Post #52 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #759. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the Kearney Animal Shelter.

Lewis (Louie) was born May 27, 1943 in Ransom, Kansas. He graduated from the Dighton High School in 1961 and he graduated from Garden Juco College in Kansas and was at Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado for 1 1/2 years. He enlisted in the Marines and served as a soldier in the Viet Nam War receiving a Purple Heart during that time in 1967.

Louie was united in marriage with Franca Ploog on December 18, 1970.

Louie started life in Nebraska working for farmers and Peavey Grain Elevator Company. He then worked for Eaton Corporation (manufacturing engine valves and gears) for 22 years and 15 years in the Kearney Public Schools as a bus transportation driver for K-12 Youth. He thoroughly enjoyed the high school sports and activity bus trips with the students. He retired in 2018. He enjoyed flying airplanes, driving 18-wheeler trucks, taking trips on his Harley Davidson motorcycle, carpentry work with the rental properties, and his love of cats along with his wife’s flower garden.

Louie is survived by his wife Franca Fullmer, step-son, Walter Kievernazel, one step-grandchild Pablo Kievernazel, brother, Bill Fullmer of Kearney, sister, Marletta Wilkens and Jack of Healy, Kansas, three nephews and two nieces and families.

Louie was preceded in death by his parents, Darwin and Pauline Fullmer, Dighton, Kansas.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *D. L. Fullmer*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Dear Franca, I'm heart broken to learn of Lewis's passing. We go way, way back to the late 1970s as neighbors. He and I most recently talked about those days. I knew if I needed anything he would help me. But my fondest memory is of him watching our kids' swim meet, REALLY watching it! Nobody watches swim meets if they don't have to but HE DID! I'll forever be grateful that like me, I knew if the kids needed anything on those bus trips he'd help them too. I hope he knew what he meant to our family. Most sincere sympathies to his family*

Patty Wilson - September 16, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Franca and Family.
Phil and I are so sorry for your loss.
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Phil and Polly Brown*

Polly Brown - July 05, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ *I'll always remember Uncle Lewie had the cool car, the cool motorcycle, his cool bride, Aunt Franca, and what a handsome man. My mom adored her brothers.....❤️*

Darl Wilkens - July 04, 2020 at 02:34 PM

NM

“ I was a para on his bus for a few years. Excellent driver. Outstanding person. So sorry about this loss. Love and prayers to Franca. Nancy McKillip

Nancy McKillip - July 03, 2020 at 08:01 PM

KG

“ Lewis was the bus driver for a group of students and teachers headed to UNMC. Our bus was sideswiped by a 16 wheeler. Thanks to Lewis's skill our bus remained upright although battered and bruised. The following is the poem I shared with our Transportation Department, written as I was thinking of Lewis's strength and skill.

A Bus Driver's Hands

*Around the big steering wheel at ten and two,
We see the strong hands covered in brown leather.*

GRIP that wheel Mr. Bus Driver!!!

Hold the bus straight!!!

This was the last thing I saw before losing consciousness.

When I came to, the semi had pushed us through barriers...

and even though we were bruised and crunched,

Our bus was upright.

Thanks in large part to the bus driver's hands.

*May Lewis's hands rest easy now as his earthly journey has ended
and his heavenly journey begins. Prayers to his family at this time.*

Sincerely,

Kathy Gifford

Kathy Gifford - July 02, 2020 at 01:40 PM

PW

This is beautiful Kathy! He was such a sweet man.

Patty Wilson - September 16, 2020 at 04:58 PM

JB

“ *I will miss Lewis. He was a joy to work with. I can still hear him laugh. RIP my friend*

Janelle Beatty - July 02, 2020 at 11:38 AM

RB

“ *A prayer and our thoughts are with you.....a walk in the garden....*

Ray Barb Bickford - July 01, 2020 at 05:06 PM

BR

“ *His love for Franca and his family will continue for eternity. Prayers for his family through this time.*

Barb Richardson



Barb Richardson - July 01, 2020 at 09:09 AM

KI

“ *His smile lit up the room and his love for Franca will continue for eternity.*

We love you

Kiyvon, Sheriff and the boys

Kiyvon - June 30, 2020 at 11:43 AM