



David L. Classen

July 11, 1953 - January 24, 2022

David Lee Classen, age 68, of Kearney, passed away Monday, January 24, 2022 at his home, after a courageous battle with cancer. At his request, a private family graveside service will be held. Interment of cremains will be at Blue Valley Cemetery, Ayr, Nebraska. Memorials may be given in Dave's name to Prince of Peace Catholic Church of Kearney or to the family for designation at a later date. Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

David Lee Classen was born on July 11, 1953, to Donald Lee and Eloise Mae (Carney) Classen in Hastings, Nebraska. Dave was raised in Ayr, Nebraska and graduated from Blue Hill High School in 1971. He met his wife, Mary (Testroet) Classen in Omaha, Nebraska and they were married on December 1, 1973. Before they recently retired they owned and operated the Cowpoke in Kearney, Nebraska.

Dave loved his family and friends and was very passionate about life. He loved St. Patrick's Day especially. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. There is a huge hole in the hearts of those who loved him, but he left all of us so many laughs and great memories. He will never be forgotten. He is survived by his wife Mary, of Kearney as well as their son Christopher Classen, daughter Janelle Classen-Hamilton, her husband Sam Hamilton, and one grandson, Frank Hamilton, all of California. He is also survived by his sister Mary Nielsen and her husband Dave Nielsen from Murray, Nebraska and his brother Alan Classen, his wife Kelly Classen from St. Louis, Missouri,

along with nieces, nephews, and many good friends.

Dave was predeceased by his parents Don and Eloise Classen, and his sister, Elizabeth (Beth) Classen.

Cemetery Details

Blue Valley Cemetery

Ayr, NE

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *David L. Classen*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Lorna Livingston lit a candle in memory of David L. Classen*



Lorna Livingston - February 12, 2022 at 02:05 PM



“ *We are so sad to hear of David's passing! We always enjoyed talking with him and Mary when we were in the store or getting hay. Prayers for peace to Mary and the family!*

Angela Flies - January 28, 2022 at 10:47 PM



“ *Prayers to Mary and family so sorry to hear of Dave's passing he was always good to our family will miss the horse trades. Brian and Kimberly*

Brian kim Eberle - January 26, 2022 at 09:01 PM

MF

“ I was shocked to hear of Dave's death. We had great talk's going to Union meetings years ago. I remember being in on a Grievance meeting with Company and Dave. Dave said if the Company needed to contact us 24-7 they needed to get us all cellphones. The Company said do you what that would cost. Dave was ahead of them he saw what was going to happen. My sincere regrets go out to all of you. God Bless Mike Follmer

Mike Follmer - January 26, 2022 at 06:41 PM

BP

“ What a guy. Mary, Chris and Janelle I am so sorry for your loss. To this day I still reference so many stories from work and from life.

Ben Piasecki - January 26, 2022 at 06:31 PM

DV

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to you Mary and the kids; so sorry for your loss!! Always loved visiting with Dave; he always could make me laugh! Deb and Mick Vavra

Deb Vavra - January 26, 2022 at 01:45 PM

BL

“ Our thoughts n prayers are with you Mary and your family. We loved to stop in the store all the time to visit with Dave. What a guy he was!!! We always appreciated his honesty. You both were so good to our daughter when she worked for you. He will be missed.
Bob and Deb Lewis

Bob n Deb Lewis - January 26, 2022 at 09:48 AM

DO

“ *What a great guy!! Always enjoyed the jokes and conversations when we saw each other! RIP... my friend!!*

Dan Olson

Dan Olson - January 26, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David L. Classen.*



January 25, 2022 at 06:57 PM

JJ

“ *So sorry to here this. Had a lot of fun with Dave shooting tracers off right in town at 4th of July party,blasting snow drifts in my brand new 1985 Chevy pickup till we got stuck.Rest in peace Dave*

Jim Jones - January 24, 2022 at 07:25 PM