



## Barney E. Danklesen

May 13, 1953 - November 27, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Barney Ernest Danklesen, who left this world peacefully at home on his farm, among the gentle whispers of the land and surrounded by the animals he cherished. He departed this life on November 27, 2024. Barney reached the end of his journey due to natural causes; he was 71 years old.

A celebration of Barney's life will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Central City, NE on Saturday December 7, 2024 where family and friends can gather to share their memories and to honor the amazing life he led. Visitation held from 9-11am, Mass at 11am with luncheon to follow.

Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

Born in Central City, Nebraska on May 13, 1953, Barney was the son of Grace (Schneiderheinz) and Ernest Danklesen. As a young boy, he attended Nance County Country School. He graduated Central City High School in 1971. Attended Peru State College as well as a brief stint in the US Army. He was married to Anita Lechner in 1984 and remained best of friends beyond the dissolution of their marriage.

He is survived in death by his sister Sylvia Erickson of Central City, brother

John Paul and Cheryl Danklesen of Clinton, Indiana, daughter Allie Danklesen and grandson Lincoln of Grand Island, NE, daughter Heather Mercer, son in law Mark Mercer and granddaughter Maggie of Boston, MA. Stepfather to Kari Voss and Jenny Kropp, both of Grand Island. Barney was also bonus grandpa to Riley & Katey Voss and Carter & Ella Goess. Along with numerous nieces and nephews, Eric Erickson & family, Jeremy Erickson & family, Scott Erickson, Brett Danklesen & family, and Stefanie Danklesen.

Barney was a proud member of the community that shaped him. To know Barney was to know a man whose heart was as vast as the rolling fields on his farm, where he found peace and comfort.

Barney was a devoted father to his beloved daughter Allie. She was his pride and joy. His kind and joyous spirit will live on in the heart of his grandson, Lincoln Kohl Bryant. He always had a story about Heather's exciting and successful career in the jewelry business as well as bragging rights for Maggie's intelligence. They were both loved beyond measure by their father.

A loyal companion, Barney was never seen without a faithful and loyal dog by his side. Pete, Chief and Goldie were the long line of companions to Barney. Their bond was a testament to his kindhearted nature and love for the simple pleasures in life. Whether tending to his land or enjoying a quiet moment outdoors, he embraced everyday with a spirit of gratitude and grace.

Barney's passing leaves a profound void in the lives of those who knew him, but his legacy of love, kindness, and dedication to his family will forever remain in our hearts. As we say goodbye to a beloved father, brother, grandfather, and friend, we honor the joyful moments and memories we shared.

Rest in peace, you are surrounded by love and light where you will never feel

alone another day. You will be missed immensely earthside, but your spirit will live on in those who loved you.

He is proceeded in death by his father and mother.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Michael's Catholic Church  
2004 24th St  
Central City, NE 68826

## Memorial Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Didn't Know Barney Though i Know The Dankelson And Schneiderheinz Names In That Country Around Central City - Just Wanted To Say, That Sure Is A Lovingly Written Piece On The Man. i AM About His Age And Death Drawith Nigh; I Like The Idea Of Dying Peacefully Out On The Range. Watching One Last Sunrise Or Sunset And Hearing A Coyote One Last Time - Well, That Does Bring A Tear To The Eye😭😌 Thomas Edward Kelly 🇺🇸❤️🙏 The Cocklebur Nebraska America 🇺🇸❤️🙏 Tuesday, December 17th, 2024. i Have Read This A Couple Times; I Just Had To Say Somethin. Happy Trails.*

Kelly - December 17, 2024 at 05:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barney E. Danklesen.*



December 06, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barney E. Danklesen.*

December 06, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Barney E. Danklesen.*



December 05, 2024 at 11:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barney E. Danklesen.

December 05, 2024 at 11:10 PM



“ *Love from all the Mercers/Bickfords purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Barney E. Danklesen.*



**Love from all the Mercers/Bickfords** - December 03, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ *Gary Santin purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Barney E. Danklesen.*



**Gary Santin** - December 03, 2024 at 12:41 PM

GS

“ It's with deep sadness for Barney's passing. We grew up on farms a mile apart and spent our first 30 years working hunting fishing bike riding. We went to district 55 country school nance county with only 5 students at times. It's with deepest sympathy for Barney's family. R.I.P. Buddy Gary Santin

gary santin - December 03, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Barney E. Danklesen.



December 03, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Barney E. Danklesen.

December 03, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barney E. Danklesen.



December 01, 2024 at 07:53 PM

MF

“ *I went to school & graduated with Barney! What a wonderful, sweet man. My sympathy & prayers to his family- he will be dearly missed.*

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**Marcia (Reeves) Ferguson** - December 01, 2024 at 07:45 PM

ML

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Mark and Jody Lesiak*

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**Mark Lesiak** - December 01, 2024 at 06:56 PM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Barney was a good friend to our family and especially to my bother Dick. Sending our prayers to your family.*

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**Thomas Gorgen** - December 01, 2024 at 05:16 PM