



Carl Willard Salchow

December 8, 1943 - July 24, 2015

Carl Willard Salchow, 71, of Polk, Nebraska died Friday, July 24, 2015 at the Grand Island Veterans Home. Graveside services will be Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery with Pastor David Ohlman officiating. There will be no visitation. Burial will be in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be determined later. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wagnerfuneral.com.

Carl was born on December 8, 1943 to Ernest and Mary (Burke) Salchow in Polk County. He grew up in the Polk County area and graduated from Benedict High School in 1961. He then attended Kearney State College where he was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. Carl then entered the United States Navy in May of 1964. He served during Vietnam and was an Electronics Technician on the USS Kittyhawk. Carl was honorably discharged by the Navy and then began a career as a Naval Recruiter having offices in Kearney and Grand Island.

Carl married Penny Lou Parker in August of 1964. The couple lived in Memphis, Tennessee where Carl was stationed in the Navy. Then, in 1969 the couple moved to Virginia Beach and then on to Kearney, Nebraska where he was a Naval Recruiter. In 1978, Carl began driving a truck for Seward Motor

Freight. He really enjoyed driving and being on the road. He also helped friends and neighbors do some farming. Carl enjoyed cars and model cars, as long as they were Fords! He had a toy tractor collection and enjoyed Western movies. He also played the trumpet.

Carl is survived by his daughter - Shelby Salchow of Holdrege, NE; three grandchildren- Connor Salchow of Kearney, NE; Holly Whetstine of Holdrege, NE; and Chandler Whetstine of Bertrand, NE.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Penny.

Tribute Wall

FF

“ Carl was a good friend of ours that we have known since 1969. Frenchy & Carl were in the Navy together & kept in touch all these years. We would stop & see him on our way through Nebraskas on our trips to Colorado. He was a good man & treasured friend. Rest in peace Carl, we will never forget you. Frenchy & Barbara La Fleur

Frenchy La Fleur - August 06, 2015 at 07:06 PM



“ I'm an old Navy friend of Carl's. We met in Memphis, TN in 1965. We have kept in touch since that time. He was a true friend and good man. He will be missed. I'm sorry for his passing- Ed Gunsch

Karen Gunsch - July 29, 2015 at 08:12 PM

RB

“ I am Carl's second cousin, Ron, now living in California. I knew Carl well when we were both young men in Nebraska, though I have seen him only rarely in the last 20 years. Carl was a good man, respected by all who knew him. I treasure his memory.

Ron Burke - July 27, 2015 at 03:28 PM

EV

“ I am Carl's first cousin, Eva. I wish I knew how to post a photo of us (ages 4 & 5) with my "little red wagon." He and I and another female first cousin of our age level spent a lot of time together. Carl was a Gene Autry fan. She and I were Roy Rogers fans. Our world in rural Nebraska was very small in 1940s and 1950s and so many Sundays (it seemed like every one - boring!) was spent with the aunts, uncles and cousins at the home of our mutual grandparents. We had lots of fun on the rope swing in the hayloft of the barn, and walking along the road in the sunshine and looking at the river. Early adulthood sent the cousins traveling the world but we reconnected as we grew older. I remember the first time Carl was out my way in his 18 wheeler (in those days his Mom enjoyed riding with him sometimes) and he picked me up from work. I gave directions to my house - not thinking of the size of the truck. We had to go under a roadway with height listed exactly the size of the truck. Carl opened his driver's door, stood up and watched the top of his truck as we crept through the space. I have a good story about Carl and my husband in Seattle trying to nurse an aging pickup truck (evidently not a Ford!) through traffic at a controlled intersection. I last visited Carl in 2004 and 2009. He and I spent a terrific afternoon reminiscing and touring the backroads of Polk, Hamilton, Merrick and Hall Counties. Also we took his grandkids to the wonderful over I-80 museum in Kearney. I am an only child as is Carl. He is the closest thing to a brother that I had. I will miss him.

Eva Vanderheiden - July 27, 2015 at 01:56 PM