



Jarrold H. "Bear" Brandes

October 3, 1974 - April 25, 2025

Jarrold H. "Bear" Brandes, 50, of Central City, died on Friday, April 25, 2025 at Litzenberg Memorial Long Term Care Center in Central City. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Fairview United Methodist Church in Central City with Pastor Gordon Paulsen officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 from 5-7 p.m. at the church. Interment will be held at the Central City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Jarrold Henry Brandes was born on October 3, 1974 in Grand Island to Roger and Sharon (Anderson) Brandes. Jarrold grew up on the family farm north of Central City, and graduated from Central City High School in 1993. He earned his nickname "Bear" shortly after high school. He lived his life with the strength of a bear, not only as a nickname but also in reality. He also embraced his "cowboy" lifestyle to the fullest. He loved his therapeutic horseback riding lessons, as well as being outside on the farm exploring, helping with the horses and cattle. Moving to town to his own place gave him new independence where he was able to spend much of his time visiting with people at Long Term Care and Cottonwood. He especially loved his time at the Firebarn with the Central City Volunteer Firefighters. He was often seen wheeling around Central City, where he was a friend to everyone and never met a stranger. To know him was to understand he loved sharing a good story and a joke. A horror film aficionado, he loved to create and draw monsters.

He was also a huge Professional Wrestling fan; even making his brother track down some “Hulk Hogan” beer recently. Jarrod’s family was always the number one thing in his life, especially getting to spend time with his grandparents, and his several nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Fairview United Methodist Church and an Honorary Firefighter for the Central City Volunteer Fire Department.

Those left to cherish his memory are his parents; Roger and Sharon Brandes of Central City, his siblings; Kane and Julie Brandes and their children, Cole, Ryan, Hailey, and Leo of Central City, Jess and Kelly Brandes and their children, Emma and Trig of Central City, Caitlin and Jordan Hahn and their children, Odin, Fenix, and Griffin of Santa Clarita, CA, and his grandmother; Naomi Anderson of Central City.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; Earl and Alice Brandes and Dale Anderson, and his cousin; Christopher Anderson.

Cemetery Details

Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fairview United Methodist Church
2398 13th Road
Central City, NE 68826

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Central City, NE 68826

Tribute Wall

LS

“ I remember him from bader ville west he was so sweet. His nickname for me was my wood carver cause he had wood outside of his place and he knew my family there. He was amazing but im sure gunna miss him

Lizzy salmon - May 01, 2025 at 10:34 AM

NS

Roger, Sharon and family,
We are remembering you in prayer as you mourn and celebrate Jarrods life. He was your son, most treasured and loved. Blessed are those who mourn fir they shall be comforted.
Peace,
Joel and Nancy Brand Schroeder

Nancy Schroeder - May 01, 2025 at 01:26 PM

DS

“ Dana S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.

Dana S. - May 01, 2025 at 08:42 AM

CG

“ So sorry to hear about Jarrod. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Corby Goerl.

corby goerl - April 30, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.*



April 30, 2025 at 03:11 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. With all our love, Brandon, Jamie, Amelia & Callie Wright*

Jamie Wright - April 30, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ *Jamie W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.*

Jamie W. - April 30, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ *Tim and Tammy, Logan, Shawnee, & family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.*



Tim and Tammy, Logan, Shawnee, & family - April 29, 2025 at 05:04 PM

TF

“ Tim and Tammy, Logan, Shawnee, & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.

Tim and Tammy, Logan, Shawnee, & family - April 29, 2025 at 05:04 PM

VM

“ To the Brandes family
Im so sorry and thinking of with deepest sympathy
Vicky McIntosh

Vicky McIntosh - April 29, 2025 at 10:10 AM

RD

“ Roger & Family, im very sorry to read about Jarrods passing. I can not imagine the loss. I pray that time will heal the pain but make your memories brighter

Ron Dahlke - April 29, 2025 at 09:43 AM

MJ

“ Molly, Wylie, Juniper, and Baby J purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.



Molly, Wylie, Juniper, and Baby J - April 28, 2025 at 10:47 PM

MJ

“ Molly, Wylie, Juniper, and Baby J planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.

Molly, Wylie, Juniper, and Baby J - April 28, 2025 at 10:47 PM

GF

“ *Gayle, Susy, Sarah, Brian Hahn & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.*



Gayle, Susy, Sarah, Brian Hahn & Family - April 28, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.*



April 27, 2025 at 09:51 PM

TB

“ *Always at the top of the ramp of the bleachers every Friday night watching the bison football team, such a sweet and gentle soul, so very sorry for your loss Kane, Jess, and the rest of the family*

Troy Brondel - April 27, 2025 at 08:57 PM

JZ

“ *My heart has a hurt right now and I know yours does too! What a joy to watch Jarrod Gowan into such a fine young man. Always enjoyed his visits and of enjoying the fruits of heaven course enjoying the mikes. Love and sympathy to the family. Now you are running and free? Go little warrior* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

janet zBoulton - April 27, 2025 at 07:57 PM

LB

I'm so sorry for your loss. I had privilege of knowing Jerred when I volunteered at long term and at bader. He was a inspiration to everyone that knew him! He had a kind soul. My prayers to all family members. God Bless Lorene Burkhardt

Lotene Burkhardt - April 27, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.



April 27, 2025 at 06:49 PM

SF

“ Sylva Anderson and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.



Sylva Anderson and family - April 27, 2025 at 03:47 PM

WL

“ With love, Jeff and Carrie Lacy purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Jarrod H. "Bear" Brandes.



With love, Jeff and Carrie Lacy - April 27, 2025 at 01:42 PM

DF

“ So loved seeing Bear wheel by to stop have a conversation but never able to get away! Every October 3rd remember his Birthday that will carry on still A friend of our Son since 1978 when moved to the Fairview Community. Our Hearts are sad

Deb Friend - April 27, 2025 at 10:59 AM

DN

So sorry to hear about Jarrod. I remember his interesting and detailed stories, and his jokes while bringing a little joy to the residents at LTC. Such a nice guy.

Donna Nelson - April 27, 2025 at 03:17 PM

NV

So sorry for your loss. Norris and Kay Vetter

Norris and Rosalie Vetter - April 29, 2025 at 12:14 PM

DT

My deepest sympathy to Sharon and Roger and Jarrod's siblings. I'm very sorry to learn of your loss.

Daniel Tyler - May 07, 2025 at 07:28 AM