



## Richard Lee Musgrave

October 27, 1950 - April 4, 2023

Richard Lee Musgrave, 72, of Central City, died on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln, NE. Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Heartland Evangelical Free Church in Central City, with Rev. Zeke Pipher officiating. Visitation will be at the church on Monday, April 10th from noon until service time. Interment will be held at the Arborville Cemetery near Polk.

Richard was born on October 27, 1950 to Vern and Verline (Hoy) Musgrave in Fort Morgan, Colorado. Richard grew up with his family at various farms outside of Kiowa, Colorado. He graduated from Kiowa High School in 1968. After high school he graduated from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He later received his Bachelor's Degree from Rockmont College in Denver and his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Kearney State College. On August 12, 1972 Richard was united in marriage to Sara Davenport in Denver. From 1973 to 1995 he was employed at Nebraska Christian Schools, serving in different capacities, as dorm parent, Bible teacher, and superintendant. The family then moved to Puebla, Mexico, serving with the Camino Global Mission, where he taught and served as principal at Puebla Christian School from 1996 until 2007. They then moved to Camp Koinonia in Amealco, Queretaro, Mexico, where he served from 2008 to 2011. They then moved back to Nebraska where he worked for McHargue Farms and later served as principal of Grand Island Christian Elementary School from 2014

until his retirement in 2019.

His joy was helping others, whether it was as their mechanic, fixing toilets at school, painting on workdays, driving a bus, or helping with church construction. He loved teaching, whether it was Bible, 5-6 grade, or junior high science. He was good at the gentle art of diplomacy. As his health declined due to various illnesses and accidents, he missed being able to actively come alongside and help others. At the same time, he committed to pray more, both with his close friends and with Sara.

Richard was a member of the Heartland Evangelical Free Church from 1973, where he served as a church deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years, and later was an active member at Dios Es Amor in Puebla, Mexico. He enjoyed sports, friendships, working on cars, children, driving buses, gardening, travel, and just being in the outdoors. His two greatest loves were for his family and His Lord.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife; Sara Musgrave of Central City; his children; Nathan (Sandy) Musgrave of Archer, Ruth (Eric) Malstead of Wichita, KS, Melinda (Luke) Haak of Siloam Springs, AR, Tim (Juana) Musgrave of Central City, and Matthew (Kristin) Musgrave of Grand Island; his two brothers; Neil (Geri) Musgrave of Denver, CO and Gary (Lindy) Musgrave of Denver, CO; his sisters-in-law; Susan Walters of Hutchinson, KS, Sandra (Ric) Jung of Hutchinson, KS, and Sharon (Billy Joe) Strnad of Munden, KS, 13 grandchildren and one unborn grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings; Gordon, Howard, Ralph, and Keith Musgrave, his sister Lois Rothrock, and one grandchild, David Malstead.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences

may be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Evangelical Free Church  
3208 17th Ave  
Central City, NE 68826  
(308) 946-2595

## Funeral Service

APR 10. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Evangelical Free Church  
Central City, NE

## Burial

APR 10. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Arborville Cemetery  
Polk, NE

# Tribute Wall

HG

“ I will always remember Mr. Musgrave, especially in Bible class. Mr. Musgrave wanted us to know the word and to apply it. He encouraged us to love the Lord with all ourselves. I am thankful for how he allowed God to use him in our lives.

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**Hope (McGrew) Golden** - April 17, 2023 at 02:17 PM

MH

“ Known the family a long time through AWANA. My condolences to Nathan and the rest of the family.

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**Matt Harris** - April 10, 2023 at 09:01 PM

LE

“ Praying for you all. I remember Senior Bible class and him teaching about the family, budgets, choices that are made early on in the marriage about finances, and a lot more. I think the most important thing was he lived it, too!

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**Leslie** - April 09, 2023 at 11:00 AM

JS

“ Sara and family~  
I am sorry for your loss.  
I remember Rich from the Beloit First Christian church mission trip. I have just recently thought about that trip and wondered where you, Sara, and Rich were living now.  
May God give your comfort and blessings at this time.  
Janice Stouffer

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**Janice Stouffer** - April 08, 2023 at 03:36 PM

CB

“ Chuck Burkitt purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Richard Lee Musgrave.



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**Chuck Burkitt** - April 08, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Musgrave.



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April 08, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Musgrave.



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April 07, 2023 at 11:30 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Musgrave.



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April 07, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Musgrave.*



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April 07, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Musgrave.*



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April 06, 2023 at 09:41 PM