

## Richard "Rich" Dean Myers

February 12, 1943 - February 6, 2021

Richard "Rich" Dean Myers, 77, of Central City, Nebraska died Saturday, February 6, 2021 at his home at Lac Denado near Marquette. Funeral services will be Friday, February 12, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Central City with Pastor Ruth Boettcher and Jim Schaben officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 5-7 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City. Burial at later date in the Central City Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later. Condolences can be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com). More details will appear later.

Rich was born on February 12, 1943 to Clarence and Irene (Holthus) Myers in Lexington, Nebraska. He grew up near Bertrand and attended Bertrand High School, graduating in 1961. He then attended Kearney State College receiving his teaching degree and later Fort Hays University for his Master's degree in School Administration. Rich played college football, basketball and baseball at Kearney State College. Rich began his teaching and coaching career in WaKeeney, Kansas, where he remained for 9 years. He started the wrestling program at WaKeeney by reading a book. He then spent 26 years in Central City, Nebraska as a teacher, coach, and middle school principal. Rich retired in 2000.

He married Donna Faye Wolfe on December 26, 1965 at Trinity Lutheran in Lexington, Nebraska. The couple lived in WaKeeney, Kansas from 1965 to

1974 and then moved to Central City, Nebraska where they lived from 1974 to 2016. They then moved to Lac Denado near Marquette.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Central City, Nebraska Council of School Administrators and the Nebraska Education Association. He was also a sponsor for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Rich and Donna enjoyed spending time at their cabin at Johnson Lake. Rich's greatest joy was watching his children and grandchildren in their many activities over the years. He is survived by his wife, Donna of Marquette, NE; one son, Matt Myers and Kelli Krzycki of Archer, NE; two daughters, Tammy and Brad Carlson of Central City, NE, and Kristi and Brad Krohn of Kearney, NE; 10 grandchildren; two sisters, Susan Fulk of Atlanta, NE, and Virgene and Jerry Johnson of Texas; two brothers, Randy and Kerri Myers of Bertrand, NE, and Gary and Sharon Myers of Shelton, NE; sister in law, Janet Myers of Clarks, NE; many nieces, nephews, former students and athletes that were cherished as family. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Angela Ann; brother, Steve Myers; and brother in law, Dennis Fulk.

# Cemetery Details

## Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

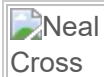
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## Memorial Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
Central City, NE

# Tribute Wall

 Neal  
Cross

“ Hello to the family of Rich:  
*I am a relative via my Grandmother's (Ellen Myers/Cross) brother, George. Rich and I were the same age and played sports against each other (I was from Arapahoe). My father, Ray Cross, often spoke of or visited Bud and family. So sorry to hear of his passing. Way to young.*

*Neal Cross  
nealcross5@gmail.com*

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**Neal Cross** - March 08, 2021 at 12:36 PM

 JH

“ *We remember the years we both lived south of the high school in WaKeeney. You were great friends. Jean and Larry*

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**Jean Hixson** - February 12, 2021 at 09:16 AM

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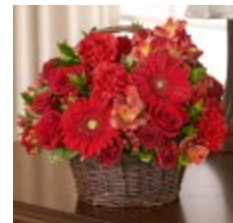
“ *Sorry I'm not able to make the funeral to show my condolences but please know you're all in my thoughts and prayers! Love you all!  
Laurie (Malcolm)*

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**laurie OGorman** - February 11, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Dean Myers.*



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February 11, 2021 at 04:45 PM

MT

“ To Donna and Family: I want to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Learning of this was a very sad day for me. It goes without saying that I would not have become the wrestler nor achieved the success in wrestling I did without his guidance. However, Coach meant so much and taught me so so much more than wrestling. He taught me about life, dignity, respect, humility, and discipline to list just a few. The list is far longer. I carry those lessons with me and utilize them every day of my life. Much of this is about Rich but for me you are a team and amazing human beings. You both impacted my life in such a positive manner.

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**Mark Tomanek** - February 11, 2021 at 03:26 PM

RB

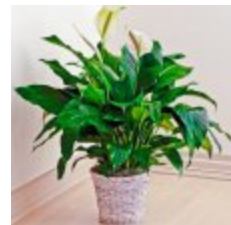
“ Dear Donna and family...our prayers and condolences to you all. Was so saddened hearing this. So many good memories back in Central City when we were all teaching back then! Enjoyed visiting with Rich whenever saw him in the later years. Our hearts and prayers are with you. (Rich Berthold)

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**Rich Berthold** - February 11, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Dean Myers.



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February 11, 2021 at 01:33 PM

MF

“ So sorry to hear about Rich. I knew Rich when he taught at WaKeeney and started the wrestling program - which is still going strong. I was the Home Economics teacher for a few years so got acquainted with Donna as well. Prayers and love to all of Rich's family.

*Marian Fabrizius*

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**Marian Fabrizius** - February 11, 2021 at 11:17 AM

TF

“ The Richardson Family purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Richard "Rich" Dean Myers.



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**The Richardson Family** - February 11, 2021 at 11:06 AM

AP

“ To Donna: Your sister Deb and I were kids when you guys married. I think your sister Dorothy was living in the big White House on West 10th across from Adams Street Market.

*My prayers are with you!*

*Ann Millikan Payne*

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**Ann Millikan Payne** - February 11, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Dean Myers.



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February 11, 2021 at 07:00 AM

LH

“ I lived two miles from Rich and one year younger. He was my friend. I was with him at the carnival for the Bertrand fair and rodeo the night he met his future wife Donna. As I recall and will swear it's true, his words to her when he saw her were, "Woof woof. " And as they say the rest is history. He was a wonderful friend and will be missed but always remembered.  
Lynn High

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**Lynn High** - February 11, 2021 at 05:25 AM

SB

“ I'm so sorry to learn of Rich's passing and am especially touched that he died on the birthday of my mom, Lucy Hudgens. She worked as CC Middle School librarian when he was principal there. He and Donna were very special people to her for many years and she loved them both for their caring and generosity. Sending love and sympathy to Donna and family.💜-- Sara Hudgens Burczy

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**Sara Burczy** - February 10, 2021 at 10:41 PM

BB

My deepest sympathy to you Donna and family. So many awesome memories of a life well lived....he will be deeply missed...all my Love💜  
Bonnie Beed

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**Bonnie Beed** - February 12, 2021 at 11:15 AM

RR

“ Donna and family.....our thoughts are with you at this time. We share some special memories of your time at Johnson Lake. Rich was a special man and we always enjoyed visiting with both of you.  
Roger and Joan Rupp

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**Roger and Joan Rupp** - February 10, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Dean Myers.



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February 10, 2021 at 06:35 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Richard "Rich" Dean Myers.

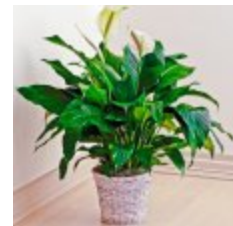


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February 10, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *The Ethertons purchased the Floor Plant* for Sympathy for the family of Richard "Rich" Dean Myers.



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**The Ethertons** - February 10, 2021 at 01:00 PM