



## Rodney Dale Heinen

May 25, 1965 - August 3, 2019

Rodney Dale Heinen was born on May 25, 1965 to Roger and Sandra (Lewton) Heinen in Grand Island. Rod grew up in the Chapman area until he was 5 years old, when the family moved to Central City, where he attended Central City Schools, and graduated in the class of 1984. On June 14, 1986, Rod married Ann Wilson at the Aurora Evangelical Covenant Church. To this union they had one daughter, Shelby, who was the light of his life. Rod worked for Chief Automotive in Grand Island, for several years until he then got a job working in the Water Department for the City of Central City. He remained employed with the City until his health would no longer allow him to work.

Rod was a diehard sports fan. He enjoyed all sports, but especially loved his Denver Broncos, Nebraska Cornhuskers, and NASCAR. He was an avid golfer, playing countless rounds at Valley View Country Club. He also, enjoyed boxing in his younger years. For several years he was the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball coach, as well as helping as an assistant coach on the Central City Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball teams. All sports teams around lost their biggest fan. Anyone who knew Rod knew that he had a huge heart and really cared about people. Many would say that he was the life of the party and always liked to have a good time.

Rod was a former member of the Nebraska Coaches Association, River Rats Association, as well as the Eagle's Club in Central City.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter; Shelby Heinen of Grand Island, his mother; Sandy Heinen of Central City, his siblings; Ross (Michelle) Heinen of Cheyenne, WY, Trisha (Dave) Groth of Lincoln, and Tera (Brian) Leinen of Omaha, his granddogs; Diesel and Dude, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; Roger Heinen, his uncle; Ronnie Heinen; and his grandparents.

# Cemetery Details

**At a Later Date**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

AUG **16**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home  
Central City, NE

### Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home  
1507 17th St.  
Central City, NE 68826  
(308) 946-3303  
soltwagnerfuneral@gmail.com  
<https://www.wagnerfuneral.com/>

### Celebration of Life

AUG **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

The Independent Club  
Central City, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Rodney Dale Heinen.*



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August 15, 2019 at 01:02 AM



“ *From The Goodwill DDS Team purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Rodney Dale Heinen.*



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**From The Goodwill DDS Team** - August 13, 2019 at 02:20 PM