



Samuel E. Russell

June 2, 1950 - September 17, 2015

Samuel E. Russell, 65, of Clarks, Nebraska died Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Nebraska Veterans Medical Center in Grand Island, NE. Funeral services will be Thursday, September 24, 2015 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Clarks, Nebraska at 10 A.M. With Father Richard Whiting officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 23, 2015 from 5 to 7 P.M. With a 7 P.M. Rosary at the church, followed by a gathering for Family and Friends at the VFW in Clarks. Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Sam was born on June 2, 1950 to Alexander and Dorothy (Poston) Russell in Alliance, Nebraska.

Sam's father worked for the railroad, so Sam grew up along the Burlington Northern Railroad out west. He attended Deadwood High School. Sam then entered the United States Army and headed to Vietnam after high school. After Vietnam, Sam returned and worked for the BLM

Sargent Irrigation District on the irrigation canal. Sam then met Sharon Dickey and they were married on July 15, 1972 in Loveland, Colorado. He then returned to the Army where he served a total of 23 ½ years. After his military career, Sam attended college in Grand Island, NE and Reno, NV for Hydraulic Engineering. Sam and Sharon then moved back to Nebraska where Sam worked various jobs including Atlantic Homes until it closed. He then worked as the DAV Hospital Coordinator for 5 years until retiring.

Sam was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Clarks. He was also a Life-Member of the VFW in Clarks and the DAV in Grand Island. He was also a member of the American Legion in Silver Creek, Nebraska. Sam was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed hunting and fishing. While serving in Germany he became a German Jäger (hunter).

He is survived by his wife Sharon of Clarks, NE; two sons- Christopher (Starlin) Russell of Soldotna, AK; and Patrick (Beth) Russell of Lakewood WA; one brother – Willie Russell of Loveland, CO; and one sister – Connie (Wayne) Moody of Lusk, WY; 3 grandchildren – Connor Russell of West Point, NY; Courtney Russell of Clarks, NE; and Zachary Russell of Lakewood, WA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother – Alex, three sisters – Ann Simmonds,

Georgia Holland, and Betty Parker.

Cemetery Details

Fort McPherson National Cemetery

Maxwell, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Clarks, NE

Rosary

SEP 23. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Clarks, NE

Funeral Service

SEP 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Clarks, NE

Burial

SEP **24**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Fort McPherson National Cemetery
Maxwell, NE

Tribute Wall



“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



Solt-Wagner Funeral Home - September 22, 2015 at 11:31 AM

FO

“ *Deepest sorrow for your loss.*

Frances O'Connell

Frances O'Connell - September 21, 2015 at 02:19 AM

CA

“ *I light this blue candle for you Uncle Sam . It reminds me of you and my mom pretty blue eyes that i won't get see again untill i get to heaven. I will miss you dearly .I love Uncle Sam*

Your niece Carol Simmonds

Carol - September 20, 2015 at 10:49 PM



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“ Our deepest sympathy at the loss of your husband. May your memories be your strength.

Rita and Jerry

Rita and Jerry Rosentreader - September 20, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel E. Russell.



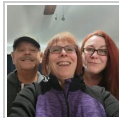
September 18, 2015 at 09:27 PM



“ Sunny Johnson lit a candle in memory of Samuel E. Russell



Sunny Johnson - September 18, 2015 at 08:46 PM



Sam. I lit a yellow candle for you. I choose yellow to honor you as you always supported the "Sharon and Sunny" friendship- even if it put you in a bad position (ie: guarding Russian Tanks and Northwest Afternoon TV show just to begin...). Thank you, my friend, for all that you are and all that you will be as you return to be with our Savior. I am glad that your pain is gone, but will miss you, my heart hurts for my best friend as she tries to stay strong. You chose well in your life partner- she is the best. Sam, you made a difference in all of our lives, you never did things half way, that is for sure. You were an awesome human being, a great husband ,father and friend. I know that now that you are free of your body, your soul is soaring to new heights as you return home. Rob and I wish you well, we wish you love and know that in time, we will be together again!

Sunny Johnson - September 18, 2015 at 09:05 PM



A lovely heart felt message Sunny! I have gentle tears streaming down my cheeks! I felt him as I read other stories.. You all seemed very blessed man in all of your lives. Thank you for sharing with me the passing of soul who will be sorely missed. Life is too short!

Rochelle Scott - September 19, 2015 at 01:41 AM

RJ

“*Samuel, I send my best to you. You are one of my closest friends- I could not ask for better. I have been honored to have you as part of my life, my family, my heart. There are very few people in my life that have earned my respect, you are one of them. I know I will be seeing you soon-our life is very short, so until then, know that I love you, bud.”- Rob (Johnson)*

Robert Johnson - September 18, 2015 at 08:43 PM