



Gary "Fizzy" Dean Redel

June 11, 1948 - November 15, 2021

Gary Dean "Fizzy" Redel entered this world as a twin on June 11, 1948. The fourth child of John and Delores (Meyers) Redel. He was baptized March 6, 1949 and confirmed April 15, 1962 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Winside, NE.

Gary attended elementary and graduated high school in Winside, NE. The youth in the area would gather to play baseball. Gary would be the catcher retrieving balls from a left-handed pitcher, which would usually be wild and he would fizzle trying to catch them. He was nicknamed "Fizzy" enduring this sport position. He also played football and was a wrestler.

At an early age, Gary became a farmhand for the Kant family in Winside. He learned the arts of farming and raising livestock and developed a passion for tractors. As a teenager, Gary enjoyed working on cars. He befriended Bun Herschied and Willis Mahler. He became a member of the Herschied Racing Team. Bun was killed in an auto accident in 1965 and Willie Mahler brought the "75" race car to West Point. Fizzy met Linda Hagedorn, who lived in the Mahler neighborhood and it became love at first sight.

Upon graduation from Winside High School in 1967, Gary moved to Bennington assisting his brother-in-law, Darrell Braesch farm and worked full time at John Deere Company in Omaha.

Gary was drafted into the US Army 2/19/1969 serving in Vietnam in the transportation division with the 842nd QM Company at Quang Tri. He received the army commendation medal for meritorious service in support of military operations against communist aggressions in the Republic of Vietnam from 7/14/1969 to 9/27/1970.

Gary married Linda Hagedorn 11/21/1970. They were blessed with a daughter, Emily, who was born the day before the tornado of 1975. Emily married Timothy Alan Hurt of Fremont on 6/24/2000.

Upon termination of the John Deere Depot in 1981, Gary worked for AT&T and Immanuel Hospital. In 1985, Gary accepted a job offer with Bennington Public School. He took great pride in the appearance of the school and surrounding grounds. He retired from there after 25 years in 2010.

In addition to full time employment, the three Redels provided lawn services and snow removal. The Bank of Bennington also employed them for over 34 years performing

janitorial services.

Gary was diagnosed with a form of dementia in July 2017 that affected his mobility and cognition.

Fizzy was mild mannered with a sense of quick-witted humor. A favorite cliché of his was “Quit complaining, work don’t hurt you none!” He had an earthly wisdom that came from the sod rather than schooling. He is remembered as a strong willed person who was never wrong, only proven correct! Gary was a devoted husband and father who never forgot a birthday, Mother’s Day, or anniversary without a card and gift. People remember him for doing good deeds such as unlocking car doors. He enjoyed being Santa’s helper for over 25 years. The youngest child to sit on his lap was only five days old.

Gary departed from this world on November 15, 2021 being reunited in heaven with his parents, John & Delores Redel; brother, Dennis Redel; brother-in-law, Darrell Braesch; sister-in-law, JoAnn Redel; and father & mother-in-law, Ray and Liz Hagedorn.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 50 years, Linda; caring daughter, Emily (Tim) Hurt; sister, Leila Braesch; brother, Stanley (Butch) Redel of Omaha; twin brother, Larry (Kathy) Redel of Columbus, NE; sister-in-law, Gayle Redel-Smith of Holdrege, NE; brother-in-law, Dean (Donna) Hagedorn of Dodge, NE; brother-in-law, Lee (Judy) Hagedorn of Brighton, CO; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

VISITATION: 5-7pm Thursday November 18th at Reichmuth Funeral Home with WAKE SERVICE beginning at 7pm. FUNERAL MASS: 10:30am Friday November 19th at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Elkhorn. INURNMENT: Flower Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the family for designation at a later date.

Cemetery

Flower Hill Cemetery- Omaha

144th Street, N. of Fort St.
Omaha, NE, 68164

Events

NOV 18 Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd. P.O. Box 711, Elkhorn, NE, US,
68022

NOV 18 Wake Service 07:00PM

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NOV 19 Memorial Mass 10:30AM

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
20500 W. Maple Road, Elkhorn, NE, US, 68022

Comments



“ The American Legion Family organizations wish to send our honor to the family of Gary "Fizzy" Dean Redel. Any man who served his country should always be recognized! A military marker can be made available by contacting the nearest American Legion Post (West Omaha 402-763-6209 or Bennington (402) 659-2765)

Paula Pillen - November 26, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ My deepest condolences for your loss. I always had fond memories of him at family gatherings when I was a younger kid.

Jeremy Johnson - November 19, 2021 at 10:52 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear of your family's loss. Fizzy was always very kind and helpful to me as a teacher at Bennington. One time, I had sprained my ankle before coming to school. By the end of the school day, my ankle had swollen so much and hurt so bad that I couldn't walk. Noting my distress, Fizzy picked me up (I am not a very big person) and carried me out through the shop area to my car so that I could drive home! An act of heroism! Blessing to you and your family.

Connie Yoder (Bennington teacher from 1990 - 2021)

Connie Yoder - November 18, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Fizzy was an integral part of my wonderful years teaching at BHS. His classroom visits to fix something or his pleasant visits made my days complete.

Jan Anderson - November 18, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ We had a lot of good 'happy hours' and other good times with Fizzy and Linda. Fizzy spent a lot of time driving around town after he retired and knew pretty much everyone and everything going on in Bennington.

A good friend. Fizzy will be missed. Goodbye old friend.

John & Tracy Rokes

PS: I posted some photos of good times.



John W Rokes - November 17, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ The Learch Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gary "Fizzy" Dean Redel.



The Learch Family - November 17, 2021 at 04:40 PM



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November 17, 2021 at 01:03 PM