



Duane Dale Clausen

January 19, 1926 - September 21, 2022

Duane Dale Clausen was born in Leigh, Nebraska January 19, 1926 to Olie and Florence (Glandt) Clausen. He attended country school in Stanton County and graduated from Howells High School in 1944.

At the age of 18, Duane was drafted into the U.S. Navy for WWII service in the Pacific. He boarded the USS Randall (APA-224) on Christmas Day in 1944 and received honorable discharge from service in 1946. His service as a naval electrician prepared him well for future civilian work with small electric companies in rural Nebraska, and later a career with the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) from which he retired in 1991 after 33 years.

With his wife Patricia (Pat), countless adventures were shared. They moved to Valley, Nebraska in 1958. Duane was Cub Scout Master for many years and always eager to become involved with initiatives for the good of the community. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion, serving as Commander of the American Legion Post #58 in 1969.

Together, Duane and Pat enjoyed planning reunions for the shipmates of the USS Randall. For 26 years they traveled annually with the group to many states, as shipmates enjoyed swapping tales and sharing camaraderie.

Duane's real passion was aviation. He learned to fly after returning from the war, earning his private pilot license in 1948. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Chapter 80 – an organization through which he flew 311 “Young Eagles,” providing the first flying experience for young boys and girls. He was also a member of the Quiet Birdmen (QB) Nebraska Hangar from which he briefly demitted to charter a hangar in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In March of 2022, Duane was recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, honoring those with 50+ years of safe piloting experience.

Duane enjoyed visiting with everyone – especially friends at the BREW Coffee House in

Valley and the OPPD first Thursday Cracker Barrel Group.

A man of integrity and honor, Duane is survived by his wife, Patricia (Pat); sons Philip of Cary, NC and David (Sarah) of Westminster, CO; daughter Donna (Ed) Ronnebaum of Shawnee, KS; brother LaVern of Schuyler, NE; sisters Nadine Dieckman of Monte Vista, CO and Bonnie Converse of Lincoln, NE; and many loving nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. 73s to you...husband, father and friend. You are missed beyond measure.

FUNERAL SERVICE: Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, 10:30am, Reichmuth Funeral Home, 21901 West Maple, Elkhorn, NE. Livestream at www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com.

VISITATION: one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, Memorials to the family for later designation. INTERMENT with military honors: 2:00pm, Omaha National Cemetery, 14250 Schram Rd., Omaha, NE. Celebration of Life at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Road
Omaha, NE 68138

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Graveside Service

SEP 28. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Duane Dale Clausen*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - September 23, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Duane Dale Clausen*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Duane was always one of the first persons I would find and say hello to at our monthly QB Meetings. He was always welcoming with his big smile and a pleasure to speak with in his soft-spoken manner. We 'Quiet Birdmen' will miss Duane as one of our finest "Goodfellows"..... Jim Maloney, friend....*



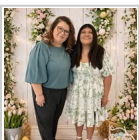
Jim Maloney - September 28, 2022 at 12:13 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Duane Dale Clausen.*



September 26, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *Oh Pat.. I heart is breaking for you. I have so many wonderful memories from you and Duane. HUGS... Shelley Kempenar Martis*

Shelley Martis - September 26, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane Dale Clausen.*



September 26, 2022 at 12:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane Dale Clausen.*



September 25, 2022 at 08:51 PM

VH

“ *My first plane flight was with Duane and Donna. It was very memorable. Backyard neighbors for many years. Praying for Pat and your family.*

Vicki (Prorok) Heeren - September 25, 2022 at 08:48 PM

JG

“ *1 file added to the album Duane Flying*



John Grubmuller - September 25, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane Dale Clausen.*



September 24, 2022 at 09:08 PM

JG

“ Duane has been my dearest friend for the past 50 years. While I moved from Nebraska quite some time ago, we kept in touch and I always relished his humor and passion for interests that we shared. Ham radio brought us together and flying cemented that bond. His mind was as sharp as ever when we recently spoke. I had hoped that we could meet just one more time. My sincerest condolences to Pat, Philip, David, Donna and the rest of his extended family. I share in your sadness and loss. John Grubmuller

John Grubmuller - September 24, 2022 at 04:48 PM