



## Duane W. Rohe

January 12, 1946 - June 18, 2019

Duane W. Rohe, age 73 of Omaha, died at his home with his family at his side on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. If Duane were asked to describe himself and his life, there is no doubt he would be able to do it in a space much shorter than this sentence you are reading right now. He was a man of few words. While there are not enough words available to adequately describe the depth of his strength, selflessness, and humility, here is his family's futile attempt to do just that.

Duane was born on January 12, 1946 to Martha and Vernon Rohe in Carroll, IA. Immediately, he was thrust on the path to value hard work and possess integrity as the first of eight children born to farmers. Tirelessly and certainly without complaint, Duane did his chores and provided an example for his siblings Larry, JoAnn, Allen, Linda, MaryJane, Daryl, and Janet of what it is to work hard. He graduated in 1964 from Manning High School in Manning, IA and later attended Commercial Extension and Electronic Computer Programming Institute both in Omaha.

At the age of 20, Duane was drafted in the Army in 1966 and served his country faithfully until his honorable discharge on August 1, 1968. With the drive of a locomotive, Duane went from farm to military to employment at Union Pacific. Shortly, after the start of his career with Union Pacific, Duane met the love of his life: his hard-bodied, 1970 Dodge Coronet.

Shortly after buying the Dodge Coronet, Duane met the true love of his life, Edna (Eddy), and they married April 30, 1971. Their 48-year marriage was filled with celebrations, adventures and challenges by the names of Jason, Darron, and Brandon.

Three boys. Poor Eddy, right? Once again, Duane tirelessly and certainly without complaint provided an example of what it is to be a good person for his three boys and subsequent five grandchildren: Mackenzie, Alex, Riley, Malorie, and Antigone. He volunteered working nearly every election, donated blood, helped neighbors with anything they needed, and chauffeured the family on countless trips back to the farm; back to his roots.

Duane was a consummate teacher. He taught in such a way the student didn't even realize he or she was learning. His honesty, fairness, integrity shone so bright, there was not an option but to be influenced to be a better, stronger person.

After 33 years of faithfully serving Union Pacific until his retirement in 2001, Duane diverted his energy back to the land and suburban farming, otherwise known as mowing neighborhood lawns. He undoubtedly provided exemplary service for his neighbors.

Duane's strength and grace were no better on display than when he battled cancer a total of 3 times. The final time Duane was diagnosed with cancer, doctors gave him an initial prognosis of less than 1 year. He survived nearly 2 years.

Duane was a man of few words. But his words echo and reverberate in all of those he touched. Any time he and a family member would part ways, he would have three phrases that he surely would like to pass on to you now, "Be careful." "Have fun." "Do good." And know that with each phrase, he is saying, "I love you."

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Vernon and Martha Rohe and a brother, Allen Rohe. Duane is survived by: his wife, Edna "Eddy" Rohe of Omaha; sons, Jason (Laura) Rohe, Darron (Tina) Rohe and Brandon (Mura) Rohe all of Omaha; grandchildren, Mackenzie, Alex, Riley, Malorie and Antigone Rohe all of Omaha; brothers, Larry Rohe of Missouri Valley, IA and Daryl Rohe of Manning, IA; sisters, JoAnn Rowedder and Janet Goecke of Omaha, Linda Sporrer of Dedham, IA, and MaryJane Stribe of Carroll, IA.

Memorials in his name can be made to the Cancer Research Institute and left or mailed to the Reichmuth Funeral Home at P.O. Box 67 - Elkhorn, NE 68022

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

203 Sue Street  
Manning, IA

# Previous Events

## Family will receive friends

**JUN 24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Graveside

**JUN 25.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Cemetery  
203 Sue Street  
Manning, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Duane W. Rohe*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



June 24, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



June 24, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



June 24, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



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June 24, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ *Beautiful tribute. I loved him and always enjoyed his quiet yet strong presence at family functions. I'm glad Isla got to meet him.*

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**Jessica Nearman** - June 24, 2019 at 12:52 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



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June 23, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ *Darren and family, Sorry to hear of Duane's passing. We worked together at Union Pacific Headquarters and I remember his easy going manner. What a great person he was. Bob Hughes*

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**Bob Hughes** - June 22, 2019 at 06:17 PM

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“ *Tim and Sue Schnack purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



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**Tim and Sue Schnack** - June 22, 2019 at 09:36 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



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June 21, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



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June 21, 2019 at 12:42 AM

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“ *Darron and family, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. The obituary is a wonderful tribute to your dad. It is obvious, in those words, that he was certainly loved and worshipped by his family. Godspeed, Duane.*

*Rich and Kathy Shonquist and family*

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**Kathy shonquist** - June 20, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



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June 20, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *Bruce,Luke,and Steve Ahrendsen purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



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**Bruce,Luke,and Steve Ahrendsen** - June 20, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Duane W. Rohe.*



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June 20, 2019 at 12:12 AM