



## Duke Spoon

October 6, 1943 - June 7, 2023

Duke Spoon was born October 6, 1943 in Hamburg, Iowa to Otto and Bertha (Payne) Spoon. He grew up in the Tarkio, Missouri and Shenandoah, Iowa communities and graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1961. Growing up, Duke loved hunting, shooting, fishing, riding his scooter, playing baseball and dirt bike and motorcycle riding.

Duke served in the United States Air Force from 1961 until his honorable discharge in 1965.

Duke married Dianne Moen on May 13, 1972 in Omaha, Nebraska, and together they raised four children; Carrie, Jerrad, Nathan, and Melissa. They made their home in Elkhorn, Nebraska from 1972 until 2000, when they moved to Camdenton, Missouri. They bought their ground outside of Arlington, Nebraska in 2003 and have been there since.

Through the years, Duke has worked as Branch Manager for Ralston Purina, was an over-the-road truck driver, established a trucking school in Lamoni, Iowa, and provided trucking services around Des Moines, Iowa. He was a member of the American Legion and was a HOG member. As busy as he was, Duke loved to go camping and always made time to play baseball or softball with the kids and grandkids, but most of all, he loved riding his motorcycle, especially when it meant he could spend time with his loving wife, Dianne.

Duke was a compassionate, driven, humble man who had an inspiring zest for life. He enjoyed a homecooked meal, listening to rock-n-roll, and watching

baseball movies. He always cheered for the underdog, and his favorite color was chrome. Duke had many and multiple longtime friendships, and he always stayed busy. He was constantly mentoring and coaching people, both in sports and in life. If you came to him for advice or help, you may have heard him say, "It'll cost you 20 bucks", or tell you "walk by faith, not by sight", or his favorite saying, "Mosey can handle it!" He cherished his family, from marrying his soul mate, to the birth of his kids and grandkids, and becoming a great grandfather, he loved nothing more. Duke's life is best summed up with Matthew 25:21, "well done, good and faithful servant."

Duke passed away at his home near Arlington, Nebraska on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at the age of 79 years 8 months and one day. He was preceded in death by his parents Otto & Bertha Spoon and his brother-in-law Ken Moen. Duke is survived by his beloved wife Dianne, children; Carrie (James) Clifford, Jerrad Spoon, Nathan Spoon, and Melissa (CD) Atwell, 9 grandchildren; Alexis, Jaidyn and Kailye Spoon, Cadence, Cayler, Merrick, and Madalee Atwell, Ava Spoon, and Dalton Spoon, great grandson Asher Schmidt and numerous other family and friends.

Funeral service Tuesday, 11 AM at the Elk City Church, 22829 Elk City Drive, Elk City, NE. Interment with military honors at the Elk City Cemetery. Visitation Monday at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn from 4:30-7 PM with family receiving friends from 5-7 PM. Memorials to the MS Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Elk City Cemetery

23500 Elk City Dr.  
Valley, NE 68064

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 12.** 4:30 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/>

## Family will receive friends

**JUN 12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
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## Funeral Service

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JUN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Elk City Church  
22829 Elk City Drive  
Elk City , NE

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duke Spoon.

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June 12, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



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June 12, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duke Spoon.

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June 12, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



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June 12, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray* was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



June 12, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



June 12, 2023 at 12:29 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



June 11, 2023 at 10:58 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



June 11, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.*



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June 11, 2023 at 04:31 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.*



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June 10, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *The Parsons Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Duke Spoon.*



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**The Parsons Family** - June 10, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.*



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June 10, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duke Spoon.

June 10, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



June 10, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



June 09, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ Dear sweet Dianne and family, may the Lord give you peace in this sad time, and may Duke's spirit be with the Lord.



**Cheryl Mueller** - June 09, 2023 at 09:19 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



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June 09, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duke Spoon.

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June 09, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



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June 09, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duke Spoon.

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June 09, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



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June 09, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.* ”



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June 09, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *The Simon Kids Kathy, Carol, Deb & David purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Duke Spoon.* ”



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**The Simon Kids Kathy, Carol, Deb & David** - June 09, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.* ”



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June 09, 2023 at 11:11 AM

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“ To Duke’s family members,  
Many heartfelt condolences and prayers for  
you all. Duke had an adventurous life and  
shared a brilliant heart of kindness with those  
around him. A tough loss for many to bear in  
the coming days and years.

Heaven has gained a loyal man, who will always inspire those who  
loved and knew Duke best.

Gonna miss his bear hugs and bright smiles.

Praying that the Lord gives you all strength and comfort in moments  
moving through this difficult time.

Tears shed during this time will be my respect,

Sincere condolences 🌸  
Jacquelyn Rathjen & Sons



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Jacquelyn Rathjen - June 09, 2023 at 10:12 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Duke Spoon.



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June 08, 2023 at 07:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



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June 08, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Duke Spoon.

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June 08, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Duke Spoon.



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June 08, 2023 at 11:27 AM