

## Dwayne H. Pruess

November 28, 1951 - July 7, 2020

Dwayne H. Pruess was born November 28, 1951 in Omaha, Nebraska to Roy and Ruth (Hansen) Pruess. Dwayne grew up on the family farm in Bennington, and attended school in Bennington, graduating from Bennington High School in 1970. From a young age, Dwayne developed a life-long love of two things, farming and baseball.

Dwayne married the love of his life, Vicky Braesch on June 10, 1972 at Zion Lutheran Church outside of Bennington, and to this union, three children were born; Doug, Brad, and Emily. Dwayne and Vicky raised the kids and farmed around Bennington for 30 years, before moving to Craig, NE in 2002, where he farmed until fall of 2016. Due to his health, they moved back to the Bennington area.

Dwayne had a deep love of farming. He had to be the first to have crops planted, and the first to be out in his combine. And he always took great pride in his John Deere tractors, making sure they were washed, waxed, and ready to go. When he wasn't farming, Dwayne was on the go. Whether he was on his Harley, for a casual ride with his friend, Merle (who always called Dwayne, Amos), or a trip to Sturgis, or any number of special trips to Mexico, Costa Rica, or Belize, Dwayne never let dust gather under his feet. He and Vicky even went boating with the kids to the same resort with the same other families for 17 years. He was especially happy when he took a "Bucket List"

trip with the family to New York City to games at the old Yankee Stadium in 2008, its final year in use. Locally, Dwayne would take a trip to the casino for poker on occasion. He spent a lot of time watching old westerns on TV, and really appreciated a good ribeye steak. He stayed active playing softball into his 40's, and missed his phantom blue 1970 Chevelle. He had a preference for Mack trucks, but painted his Peterbilt phantom blue in honor of his old Chevelle.

Dwayne was a man of strong faith, was deeply devoted to his family, and loved his friends. He cherished family gatherings, and holidays together, where he could lead a game of "31". He loved watching the grandkids at all of their activities, and his devotion to Vicky was truly special.

Dwayne died at his house in Bennington on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at the age of 68 years, 7 months, and 10 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy & Ruth Pruess, brother Lynn Pruess, sister Marilee Fernandez, and grandson Max Laible. He is survived by his wife Vicky of Bennington, sons and daughters-in-law Doug & Karin of Craig, NE, and Brad & Mandyn Tekamah, NE, daughter and son-in-law Emily & Luke Laible of Bennington, 10 grandchildren; Payge, Hunter, Payton, Halle, Abbie, Tate, Layla, Brennan, Ellie, and Brody, 2 great grandsons Henrik and Harlan, and mother-in-law Helen Braesch of Bennington, and numerous other relatives and friends, and a special thanks to Amedisys hospice and Home Instead.

Dwayne H. Pruess, age 68, of Bennington, died July 7, 2020. Preceded in death by parents Roy & Ruth Pruess, brother Lynn Pruess, sister Marilee Fernandez, and grandson Max Laible. Survived by wife Vicky of Bennington, sons and daughters-in-law Doug & Karin of Craig, NE, Brad & Mandyn Tekamah, NE, daughter and son-in-law Emily & Luke Laible of Bennington, 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandsons, mother-in-law Helen Braesch of Bennington.

Visitation will be held Thursday from Noon to 8 PM with family present from 4-8 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Private services will be live streamed from Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Elkhorn after 2 PM Friday. Interment Prairie View Cemetery, Washington, NE. Memorials to Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Prairie View Cemetery

18613 Green Street  
Washington, NE 68068

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 12:00 PM - 8:00 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

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

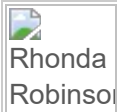


“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dwayne H. Pruess*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - July 10, 2020 at 12:14 PM



Rhonda  
Robinson

*Vicky, I am so sorry for your loss and I am here for you for anything you need. I am sorry I was not able to visit more. Hugs to you and your family. Rhonda Holsten, RN*

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**Rhonda Robinson Holsten** - July 15, 2020 at 02:30 AM



“ *Dwayne H. Pruess*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Vicky,*

*So very saddened by your loss We hold you and your family in our prayers.*

*In faith,  
Dan and Vickie Jorgensen*

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**Dan Jorgensen** - July 11, 2020 at 07:55 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Dwayne H. Pruess.*



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July 09, 2020 at 10:09 PM



“ *Dear Pruess Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Dwayne was bigger than life and the love that he had for his family, his faith and farming was so evident in everything he did. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you today and always.*

*Matt and Connie Wickham*

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**Connie Wickham** - July 09, 2020 at 04:23 PM



*Sending sympathy to the Pruess family in your great loss of Dwayne. So sorry to hear this.*

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**Donna Villwok** - July 09, 2020 at 08:43 PM



*To the family of Dwayne, please know and feel our love and prayers for your loss. We know Dwayne is with our Father now and at peace.*

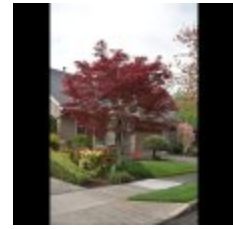
*With love and prayers,  
Dave and Kathi Merriman  
Son in law and Daughter of Carl and Evelyn Hansen*

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**Dave and Kathi Merriman** - July 14, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Dwayne H. Pruess.*



July 09, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ *Paul, Carrie, Taylor, Jason, Rylan, and Mater purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dwayne H. Pruess.*



**Paul, Carrie, Taylor, Jason, Rylan, and Mater** - July 09, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *So many great memories.. they are all in my heart. So sorry , Vicky. Wonderful Friend I'm so thankful to have been a small part of his life. I'm not good with words, but I know you know, Vicky. Ride that Harley in Heaven,Dwayne, till we can join you!❤️*

**Sue Davison** - July 09, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dwayne H. Pruess.*



July 08, 2020 at 11:39 PM

JH

“ John & Gail Haverkamp lit a candle in memory of Dwayne H. Pruess



John & Gail Haverkamp - July 08, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ As a first year teacher, Dwayne and his classmates introduced me to the wonderful world of education. I was so honored to learn from them that my life would be especially touched by them forever. My deepest sympathy to Vicky and family. Cherish all the great memories!

Jan Anderson

Janice Anderson - July 08, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dwayne H. Pruess.



July 08, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dwayne H. Pruess.



July 08, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dwayne H. Pruess.



July 08, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ such a sad loss, through all of this, you have shown such compassion, unconditional love and devotion with grace and dignity like no other. The strength you and Dwayne endured was moving and inspiring to say the least. please know we are praying for you all and we know , as hard as it is to lose someone so special, having peace and certainty that he is in heaven and free from pain, hopefully, is a comfort to you at this difficult time. Hugs and love to you all, Cindy Hinkel and family

cindy - July 08, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your family in my prayers.

Kathy Coe - July 07, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dwayne H. Pruess.



July 07, 2020 at 08:05 PM

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“ *Deepest sympathy,  
Sherry(Lines) Paden*

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**Sherry paden** - July 07, 2020 at 07:46 PM