



Gail Thomas Preble

July 10, 1938 - January 19, 2023

GAIL T. PREBLE – July 20, 1938 – January 18, 2023

Gail was born in Omaha, Nebraska to Gordon & Leona Preble. Gail is survived by his wife Phyllis of almost 59 years and three sons, Clark (Maureen) sons Chad & Connor, Craig (Sarah) son Camden , and Christopher (Chris) and sons Clayton (Bree), Cale (Brook) and daughter Taylor, brother David (Carol). He was also blessed with great granddaughter Aria.

Gail was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, brothers Clark, Donald and Jerry (Joan), sister Sandy Keleher and many nieces, nephews and lots and lots of cousins.

Gail was raised in Kingsley, Iowa but returned to Nebraska to attend one year at the University before becoming a member of IBEW LU 22 for the next 65 years. Gail worked in the underground at Offutt AFB and then many years on commercial construction sites where he mentored many apprentices who became life long friends. He was very fortunate not to have to travel when work was slow.

After retiring at age 63 for all of two whole months, he worked at Stone Creek golf course mowing the rough for another 17 years. Throughout his working years he was always the first one on the job. He was never late for anything! Gail was an outdoors man and liked to hunt and fish. He enjoyed many many trips to Big Pine Lake in Minnesota with family and friends and a couple trips to Canada. He loved working in his garden and shared the fruits of his labor with neighbors and friends. He was always canning or preserving something

be it vegetables or wild game. He was a catcher on his fast pitch softball team until his mid 30's. Gail & Phyllis went to every home Nebraska football game for 27 years despite never having season tickets nor going to a bowl game. He loved their river cabin on the Elkhorn hosting many fish fries for 26 years until the Flood of 2019. Many beers were consumed, stories told and laughs shared with all our great river friends around the firepit.

Every morning since the Flood and we no longer had the cabin Gail met several friends for breakfast and gossip and the news of the day. At home he would get his cup of lemon tea and work the Sudoku and crossword puzzle before going to his garage to work on the project of the day.

Gail did not have an enemy in the world, spoke ill of no one and liked everyone. He was the first in line to help a friend or neighbor and could handle most projects whether it was plumbing, electrical, tree trimming or whatever. You name it, he would get it done "his way" and it was always right.

The long and short of it, if you were privileged to call him your friend, you were truly blessed.

Funeral service 10:30 AM Wednesday, St. John's Catholic Church, Valley, NE. Interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 4:30-7 PM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn with a Wake service at 7 PM. Memorials to the family for later designation.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park-Omaha

7909 Mormon Bridge Rd.
Omaha, NE 68152

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 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
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Wake Service

JAN 24. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 25. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church
307 East Meigs Street
Valley, NE 68064

A lunch reception will immediately follow the funeral mass

Tribute Wall

KV

“ I met Gail when he used to come into R Bar for breakfast with his friends. He was a great guy...always had a smile and threw in a few remarks under his breath about something they were talking about...always made me laugh. He and his wife along with other couples pretty much had a reserved table on Sundays for breakfast even though we didn't do that. I will miss him. Prayers to his entire family.

Kathy Vermeline - January 26, 2023 at 08:25 PM

BS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Preble family at this time of loss. When I think of Gail I get a smile on my face. Seems like he always had a story to tell. Gail was proud of his and his family's involvement in IBEW #22. Rest in peace brother. Bill Suden

Bill Suden - January 24, 2023 at 05:13 PM

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“ We are truly heart broken to hear of Gail's passing. He was a great friend of many years down on the river. We had many fun times around the bonfires reminiscing about the jokes we used to play on each other. Or how many mole kills we were up to that year! He always had me beat. I personally will miss that elbow to the arm followed by "hey kid" - knowing that there was another story to come my way! haha I'm sure he will somehow continue to set off my future mole trapping just to get me falsely excited about another kill! Rest in peace my friend.

Corey Reed - January 24, 2023 at 03:20 PM

DI

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Gail. He was one of my first Journeyman when I was an apprentice electrician. I also had the privilege of playing fast pitch softball with him.

Doug Ives - January 23, 2023 at 09:42 PM

LJ

“ I Had the pleasure of working with Gail for many years, he will be deeply missed . Larry Jacobson

Larry Jacobson - January 23, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.



January 23, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.



January 23, 2023 at 05:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.*



January 23, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Our hearts were so saddened at the news of Gail's passing. There was no finer than Gail! Always a joke, or a story with his infamous chuckle. Gail always found the good in everything, and lived life to the fullest. We have so many fond memories shared with this amazing man and his beautiful loving wife and family. Thinking of you all and holding you close in thought and prayer! Hugs! Rest In Peace Dear Friend.*
Love, Jan and Keith

Janet Burnham - January 23, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Steve and Deb Vencil purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.*



Steve and Deb Vencil - January 23, 2023 at 09:51 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.*



January 23, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.*



January 22, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.*



January 22, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.*



January 22, 2023 at 07:46 AM



“ *Stephen Mazzuca purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.*



Stephen Mazzuca - January 21, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.



January 21, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.



January 21, 2023 at 06:45 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.



January 21, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gail Thomas Preble.



January 21, 2023 at 03:12 PM