



Howard Eugene Christiansen

April 28, 1944 - November 25, 2023

Howard Eugene Christiansen was born on April 28, 1944, in Omaha, Nebraska to John and Elsie (Steeden) Christiansen. He grew up alongside his 14 siblings and graduated from Elkhorn High School.

Howard married Judy Christiansen on May 2, 1964, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, NE. They were blessed with two children: Jeffrey Allen and Cynthia Lynn. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on a Caribbean cruise with Rick and Pat Christmas and for their 50th anniversary, they celebrated with family.

Howard began working while still in high school for the Klebe Wojcik Standard Station. From 1966 until 1970 he and his brother Wilber became co-owners of the station and changed the name to Christiansen Standard Station. Between 1971 and 1984 he farmed with his brothers, Kenny and Larry. In 1985 through 1998 he owned the Christiansen 66 Station in Elkhorn. After leaving the service station business, he went to Wisconsin to help build Pheasant Hill Golf Course in Hammond, WI for Ron Bonte. When he returned home from Wisconsin, he went to work for his nephew, John Christiansen at Christiansen Shaping and Grading. His next and last job was working for M K Car Wash in Elkhorn where owners Mickey Gottsch and Jeff Mueller pretty much let Howard set his own hours. Howard loved this job and didn't think of Jeff and Mickey as bosses, but rather as great friends.

Howard loved the horse races and spent lots of time at the Ak-Sar-Ben racetrack where his sister Dorothy worked. He continued to follow the horses

with trips to the Grand Island Racetrack and Horseman's Park. But most of all, Howard enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling. His favorite destination was Las Vegas and his first trip there was with best friends Slim and Betty O'Dell. After that first trip it became an annual trip. He also loved annual family vacations with the O'Dell family – 1996 was the beginning of annual “mystery” trips with Rick and Pat Christmas and Lonnie and Shirley Heldt. For 17 years we went on a trip to a different location every year. Those 17 years of trips with wonderful friends provided so many laughs and good times and so many wonderful memories.

Of course, spending time with his family which includes 4 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren was the highlight of his life. He loved wrestling, chasing, playing games, helping build Legos and anything else they wanted to do with him. Birthday celebrations, as well as all holidays, were spent together.

Howard loved his family, and they loved him.

Howard will be remembered for his sense of humor and his kindness to all. Howard passed away on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 79. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Elsie Christiansen; an infant sibling; brothers, Rudy and Wilbur Christiansen; and sisters, Donna Green, Dorothy Oetken, and Kathy Huscroft. He is survived by his wife, Judy Christiansen; son, Jeff (Cricket) Christiansen; daughter, Cindy Christiansen; grandchildren, Casey (Bret) Sledge, Lacey Nuzum, Kyra Christiansen (Derrick Flores), and Cody Christiansen; great-grandchildren, Lincoln, Maclyn, Lane, Cameron, Shayla, Paisley, and Louie; brothers, Kenny (Caryn) Christiansen, Larry (Deb) Christiansen, and Robert (Teresa) Christiansen; sisters, Mildred Richards, Joan Johnson, Marie Witt, Beverly (Dwain) Smith, Linda (Dennis) Lynch, and Lois Haldeman; brother-in-law, Joe Huscroft; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Christiansen and Dee Christiansen; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery

21907 West Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Family will receive friends

NOV 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Howard Eugene Christiansen*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - November 30, 2023 at 11:58 AM

WW

“ *My deepest sympathies to Judy, Jeff, Cindy and the rest of the family. Howard was such a kind man and I am happy that I had the privilege to have known him while growing up in Elk City. So very sorry for your loss.*

Wendy Dierks White

Wendy White - December 04, 2023 at 04:51 PM

SA

“ *Well Howie, You made me laugh, and I knew you would help with anything you could. You were loyal to your family and friends. I love you, Howie, and I am so sad for Judy, Jeff and Cindy. Such a character!!!! I will miss you, my neighbor, and friend. Say hi to Larry, and I'll see you when I get there.*

Sharon Arganbright

Sharon Arganbright - November 30, 2023 at 09:12 PM

JK

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Howard's passing. He was one of a kind and I will always remember his contagious laugh. Such a wonderful man and kind soul. My thoughts and prayers are with Judy and family.

Judy A Knight - November 30, 2023 at 02:47 PM

AR

“ Howie was one of the best... working for him at Christiansen 66 while I was in high school was so much fun... Larry, Jake, Jeff, Joan... the entire crew was a blast. My condolences to Judy and family... he will be missed... he will be remembered. ~ Andy

Andy Rieck - November 30, 2023 at 01:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Howard Eugene Christiansen.



November 29, 2023 at 04:53 PM

YF

“ Your Friends at FiberComm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Eugene Christiansen.

Your Friends at FiberComm - November 29, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Howard Eugene Christiansen.*



November 29, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *Elbee’s Restaurant planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Eugene Christiansen.*

Elbee’s Restaurant - November 29, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *I always enjoyed sitting with Howie at all of the family functions we have had over so many years. We would figure out the world's problems and complain about how bad Nebraska football had become over some cold bud lights. Howie's laugh was so amazing and heartfelt... His kindness, hearty laugh, and genuine interest in you when he spoke to you is what I will miss most. I love you Howie. Jeff, And family, I'm so sorry for your loss, but remember this... you had one of the best dads anyone could have ever had. What a blessing!*

Joe sledge - November 29, 2023 at 03:19 PM



Love you Joey!!!!

casey - December 01, 2023 at 02:22 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Eugene Christiansen.*



November 29, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *Growing up and going to school with Jeff and Cindy in Elk City, I got to spend a lot of time at the Christiansen farm. One distinct memory I have is Howard and Judy taking my sister and I out to eat to Dennys and then going to the Wayside Tavern. It was a big deal to us to get to go do that. I still remember it to this day. More recently I got a chance to have a good visit with Howie, while he was working at the car wash in Arlington. So glad I ran into him that day. He was a genuine kind man. He will be missed by many. Judy Jeff and Cindy my deepest sympathy to you.*

Angela Dierks Schmidt

Angela Schmidt - November 29, 2023 at 10:51 AM



“ *Ron and Dine Bonte - Pheasant Hills Golf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Eugene Christiansen.*

Ron and Dine Bonte - Pheasant Hills Golf - November 29, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard Eugene Christiansen.



November 29, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Howard came to Wisconsin for two years to help me build an 18 hole golf course out of our dairy farm! The name of the course is Pheasant Hills Golf Course in Hammond, Wisconsin. Howard primarily operated a caterpillar dozer and built all of the greens and helped shape the fairways and roughs. His personality was always positive and friendly. He worked many long hours and helped build one of the nicest golf courses in the area! Howard became a good friend of the Ron and Dine Bonte family! We have since sold the golf course to our superintendent and retired! Howard was greatly appreciated and will hugely be missed! Our condolences go out to his family! He was a diamond in the rough!

Ron Bonte - November 29, 2023 at 07:58 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Eugene Christiansen.



November 28, 2023 at 03:35 PM

MG

“ Monte Peterson; TR Financial Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Eugene Christiansen.

Monte Peterson; TR Financial Group - November 28, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Howard Eugene Christiansen.



November 28, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard Eugene Christiansen.



November 28, 2023 at 11:17 AM

BE

“ Always loved seeing him, could always make me laugh such a hot shit will be missed

Becky - November 28, 2023 at 11:07 AM

RA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ranae - November 28, 2023 at 08:51 AM

RA

Uncle Howie counting his winnings at Fonner Park

Ranae - November 28, 2023 at 08:51 AM

BS

“ *Judy and all the family...*

Our thoughts are with each of you at this tremendous loss. Always looked for you both @ FB's on Wed nites. Somehow, you & Howie made the evening so much better!!

Howie left a great memory for everyone who had the honor of knowing him.

He was truly one of the BEST!!!

May you & the family find comfort in knowing how many people were made a little better by just knowing Howie.

He will be missed by everyone..

Sending our love & prayers...

Jeanne & Barry

Barry Stark - November 27, 2023 at 11:45 AM

AN

“ *Judy and family you are all in my thoughts and prayers... I will miss the big Howie hug and kiss... may the perpetual light shine upon Howie... Ann Norton*

Ann Norton - November 26, 2023 at 08:04 PM