



Joe Andresen

October 3, 1943 - July 29, 2025

Joe Andresen, age 81, of Omaha, Nebraska, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2025.

Joe was born on October 3, 1943, to Harold Andresen and Helen (Drummy) Andresen. He grew up in Omaha with his four brothers, where his childhood was full of sports, soap box derby racing, and more than a little mischief. He attended Holy Name Grade School and High School, graduating in 1961 before spending a year at Creighton University.

On May 20, 1967, Joe married the love of his life, Mary Jo, at Holy Name Church in Omaha. Together, they raised three daughters—Amy, Jenny, and Molly—creating a home full of laughter, love, and unwavering support.

Joe proudly served in the United States Army from May 14, 1964, to April 4, 1970. He went on to build a long and respected career in real estate, spending 52 years with NP Dodge. Known for his honesty and dedication, Joe earned the trust of countless clients and colleagues over the years.

A man of simple joys, Joe loved golfing, watching movies, listening to 50s and 60s music (especially Elvis, Buddy Holly, and the Oak Ridge Boys), and cheering on Creighton basketball and Nebraska football. He spent endless hours watching his favorite shows Gun Smoke and Gran Torino while at Rose Blumkin. He especially treasured time with his grandchildren, often with a donut or a Diet Mountain Dew in hand. He had a soft spot for a good Bronco burger and never passed up the chance to hand out Tootsie Rolls to children—always carrying them in his pocket, just in case.

Joe was gentle, kind, generous, and deeply thoughtful. He was a devoted husband, loving father and papa, caring brother, and loyal friend. He would do anything for anyone without hesitation.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Mary Jo; daughters Amy (Chris) Watson, Jenny (Tyler) Pieper, and Molly (Monte) Peterson; grandchildren Hannah Swallow, Karlie

Pieper, Cole Pieper, Cade Pieper, Ellee Betz, Nate Betz, Izzy Peterson and Bentley Peterson; and brothers Spike Andresen, Clayton Andresen, Leonard Andresen, Gage Hazen and Tom Helligso. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Helen Andresen, his oldest brother, Harry, Leo and Flo Walsh and Donna Walsh.

Joe will be deeply missed, but his legacy of love, kindness, and quiet strength lives on in all who knew him.

A visitation will be held from 4:30-6:30 PM with Vigil service at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn. A private family inurnment will take place at Omaha National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the family.

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Road
Omaha, NE 68138

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
18602 W. Maple Street
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Vigil service

AUG 6. 6:30 PM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
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Elkhorn, NE 68022

Memorial Mass

AUG 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Elkhorn
18602 W. Maple Street
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joe Andresen



Reichmuth Funeral Home - August 05, 2025 at 11:31 AM

AF

“ The American Legion - Elkhorn salutes an honorable veteran. If advice is needed on family VA benefits, feel free to contact us. <https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaAmericanLegionPost211.Auxiliary362/>

American Legion Family - January 02 at 12:21 PM

SM

“ Sandra M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Andresen.

Sandra M. - August 05, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Andresen.



August 05, 2025 at 05:57 PM



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

August 05, 2025 at 05:57 PM

CL

“ Chad, Stacey, Q & Lu purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joe Andresen.



Chad, Stacey, Q & Lu - August 05, 2025 at 03:39 PM

CL

“ Chad, Stacey, Q & Lu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Andresen.

Chad, Stacey, Q & Lu - August 05, 2025 at 03:39 PM

TW

“ The Watsons purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Joe Andresen.



The Watsons - August 05, 2025 at 01:31 PM

MO

“ Dear Mary Jo and family, we were so very sorry to read about the passing of Joe. Joe was a very fine man and a real gentleman. It was always a pleasure to be in his presence. We'll remember you and yours in our prayers to help you through this difficult time. May God bless. Cindy and Mike O'Keefe

Michael OKeefe - August 05, 2025 at 12:16 PM

WH

“ Joe sold us our house 43 years ago. One of the most helpful and nicest people in Omaha. RIP Joe.

William Hutfles - August 04, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Andresen.



August 02, 2025 at 02:11 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joe Andresen.*



August 01, 2025 at 05:52 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joe Andresen.*



August 01, 2025 at 02:54 PM

DA

“ *Donnie & Kaleen Anson purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Joe Andresen.*



Donnie & Kaleen Anson - July 31, 2025 at 07:04 PM

DA

“ *Donnie & Kaleen Anson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joe Andresen.*

Donnie & Kaleen Anson - July 31, 2025 at 07:04 PM

CJ

“ *Carrie and Jeff Jacobson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joe Andresen.*



Carrie and Jeff Jacobson - July 31, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LA

“ Luke and Amanda Andresen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joe Andresen.



Luke and Amanda Andresen - July 31, 2025 at 01:24 PM