



Perry Gene Compton

December 28, 1947 - July 22, 2023

Perry Gene Compton of Elkhorn, NE, passed away on Saturday, July 22, 2023, after several years of medical complications. Perry was born on December 28, 1947, in Watertown, SD, to Lucille lone and Joseph William Compton. Lucille passed away when Perry was eight years of age and after, he lived with various foster families. He graduated from Henry High School in 1966. He worked in Watertown, for about a year after graduating. In May of 1967, he enlisted in the Navy and completed basic training in San Diego, CA. Perry worked as a dental technician and had a tour of duty in Japan. In all, he served four years in the Navy. He remained in San Diego, while he worked and went to school. In 1976, he moved to Nebraska. Perry worked as a police officer in Elkhorn and graduated from the police academy in Grand Island in 1980. He also worked as police officer in Schuyler, NE. In 1999, he graduated with his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He worked as a car salesman and various other jobs around the country. He was eventually placed on disability due service-related injury and declining health.

Perry enjoyed playing his guitar and singing songs by John Denver, Simon and Garfunkel, and Cat Stevens. He found a love for painting that he learned by watching Bob Ross. He liked to cook and could literally make something out of leftover contents in his refrigerator. He had a love of animals and had several dogs and cats over the years. He collected model cars and loved to watch movies.

Though Perry missed years with his children, he did his best to restore his

relationships with them and he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Perry is preceded in death by Lucille and Joseph Compton (parents), Bobby Ward (brother), Al Ward (brother), Sandra Lekkold Laqua (sister), Amber Compton Engels (sister), and Lance Engels (nephew).

He is survived by Children: Christopher Compton, Chaska, MN, Craig Compton, Elkhorn, NE, and Sarah (Jason) Boomgarden. Grandchildren: James Hardin, Elkhorn, Ne, Theodore (Kristian) Boomgarden, Mason City, IA, Katherine Boomgarden, Omaha, Ne, Timothy Boomgarden, Elkhorn, NE, Orlo Boomgarden, Elkhorn, NE Daymon Boomgarden, Elkhorn, NE, and Stella Boomgarden, Elkhorn, NE.

Siblings: Roger (Butch) and Marilyn Lekkold, New Hope, MN, William (Bill) and Billie Lekkold, San Diego, CA, Joe Compton, Minneapolis, MN, Steve and Susan (Sue) Compton, Omaha, NE, Dennis Ward, Sacramento, CA, Rogene and Ray Fox, Bakersfield, CA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials are requested to be sent to K9s for warriors in memory of Perry. <https://k9sforwarriors.org/>

Graveside services will be held on August 11, 2023 at 1:30pm at the Omaha National Cemetery

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Road
Omaha, NE 68138

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 11. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked as a caretaker through St. Joseph Villa and was assigned to Perry to help him keep his place cleaned up and would go shopping for him weekly. And when he was hospitalized I would go visit him. I have not been with company for about 2 yrs and have been trying to find Perry since I left or just find him to see how he was doing. I knew he had moved in with his kid but wasn't for sure which kid. Just this morning I discovered that Perry had passed away last July and was really heartbroken. He was a great person and will be truly missed. I'm just glad he gained his wings and won't be suffering anymore. Fly high Perry Compton. R.I.P

Holly Negrete - February 15, 2024 at 05:30 PM

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“ I graduated from Henry high school with Perry. I remember his role in one of our class plays.. he was a foreign exchange student named Sedi Hazeem el Salud ben Amud. He did a great job as I recall! Our small class of 16 students all participated in the class plays and had fun doing them. My sincere condolences on the loss of Perry.

Janet Heiden - August 30, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Perry Gene Compton.



August 08, 2023 at 02:53 PM



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

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Perry Gene Compton.



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