



Raymond Maywood Drawbridge

January 17, 1957 - October 31, 2009

Raymond Maywood Drawbridge was born on January 17, 1957 in Omaha, Nebraska to Elmer and Sylvia (Trompke) Drawbridge. He grew up in Omaha and he attended Elkhorn grade school and graduated from Elkhorn High School in 1976. As a young boy, Ray enjoyed fishing, baseball, hunting and 4-H.

Ray married Kathy Wissler on March 16, 1979 at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska and they have been blessed with a daughter, Sarah. Ray and Kathy lived in Elkhorn for a short time before moving to their current home near Nickerson.

Ray worked in construction, printing, masonry and as a machinist before going to work at the city of Valley where he has been for more than 20 years. He held a CDL and was certified in Wastewater and Drinking water management. In recent years, Ray has devoted much of his time to the Old Poor Farm. First he researched the history of the Dodge County Poor Farm and has spent years restoring the farm. Ray and Kathy established the Old Poor Farm Animal Sanctuary for the care of neglected animals. Ray is remembered as a hardworking, dedicated man with a unique way of looking at life. He enjoyed quick wit and humor and aspired to live a good, moral life that could earn the respect of others. Ray often took it upon himself to bring humor and a lighter side to even the most solemn occasion.

Ray passed away on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at his home near Nickerson at the age of 52 years, 10 months and 14 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Sylvia, an infant brother and his sister Holly. Ray is survived by his wife Kathy; daughter and son-in-law Sarah and Stephen Hand of Fremont; grandchildren Tyler, Samantha and Calvin Hand of Fremont; brother and sister-in-law William and Marilyn Cadwalader of Omaha; sister Agnes Blicek of Valley; brother-in-law Daryl Harrison of Pender, NE; nieces and nephews;

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Maywood Drawbridge*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Kathy,
Our sympathy to you and your family in this time of sorrow. I know that you have great memories of Ray that will help sustain you. God's blessings to all of you.
Dave & Sonja Bauers
Jenn & Ory Wiggins*

Dave & Sonja Bauers - November 03, 2009 at 12:54 PM



“ *My thoughts go out to Rays family, I have fond memories of Ray, when I worked for the City of Valley, some years back. Ray was always sneaking around pulling pranks!!! and was always good for a joke!
Ray will be missed..*

Tim Donahue - November 02, 2009 at 12:50 PM

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“ Kathy,

David and I are so sorry to hear about Ray. Our sister-in-law Peggy called me to let us know. We moved to the Memphis area a few years ago and David has since retired from the FAA and is now working air traffic in Kabul, Afghanistan as a navy contractor, so needless to say we will not be able to make the funeral. You and you family are

in our thoughts and prayers however.

We will have our 29th anniversary at the end of the month and even though it's been that long ago I can still see Ray in his suit as Davids best man. They were 23 years old then! I will never forget what a beautiful job you did with our flowers, either.

You have our deepest sympathies and we will be there in our thoughts to say goodbye to Ray. David and Lisa West

Lisa West - November 02, 2009 at 12:28 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers for Ray's family. Having worked with Ray for almost nine years while employed by the City of Valley, I could always count on Ray to keep things on the lighter side. His jokes and pranks made me laugh and helped me not take life so serious. He will be sorely missed.*

Jim Blake - November 02, 2009 at 11:25 AM