



## Robert "Pete" Dean Brummels

July 25, 1934 - December 20, 2022

Robert D. "Pete" Brummels was born July 25, 1934, to Harry and Ida (Fuhrman) Brummels, on the family farm near Randolph, Nebraska. He was the youngest of 14 children.

He attended a country school through the 8th grade and graduated from Randolph High School in 1951. In December, 1951 he enlisted in the Navy. He served on the USS Piedmont during the Korean war with two of his brothers, Merlin and Willie. He received an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1957 and enlisted in the Air Force. He received an honorable discharge from the Air Force in May 1960.

He married the love of his life, Darlene DeLozier in Los Angeles, California on March 23, 1957, they celebrated over 65 years of marriage. To this union, four children were born, Tamela, Timothy, Cynthia and Melanie.

Pete spent 10 years as a mechanical engineer with the NASA space program, working on the Titan and Saturn Missiles. He stood proudly on the base at Cape Canaveral in Florida witnessing the launch of the Apollo missiles. In 1970, he left the missile industry and moved his family to California to work in the up-and-coming computer industry. In 1976 he relocated his family to Elkhorn, Nebraska and in 1977 he founded BrumKo Magnetics Corporation, the company focused on refurbishing magnetic recording heads. After

successfully running BrumKo for several years he sold the company to a California based computer company.

After the sale of BrumKo, Pete and his son, Tim, started Sable & Associates, a small sewing company in Elkhorn. The company made and sold sport style jackets. After a few years they sold this business. Pete then started Elkhorn Tool & Die Company and after successfully building the company he sold it to enjoy retirement.

Pete's entrepreneurial spirit brought him out of retirement to partner with son Tim on a new company, Advanced Business Sciences (ABS). This company used GPS and GEO Fencing technology to track paroled inmates using an ankle bracelet and cell phone. He sold this business and entered retirement again.

In 2003 he took on the challenge of working with a group of investors to build the infrastructure for Elkhorn Valley Ethanol. The plant is located in Norfolk, Nebraska and was completed in 2007. The plant is in full operation today.

Outside of work, Pete's favorite things to do were dancing and traveling with Darlene, camping and boating with his family, hunting, fishing, golfing and playing cards with friends. He was a long-time member of the Elkhorn Eagles, belonged to the Masonic Lodge in Elkhorn, a Shriner, and a longtime member of the Scottish Rite.

Pete passed away peacefully with his family at his side on December 20, 2022. He is preceded in death by his parents, 6 brothers, and 7 sisters. He is survived by his wife, Darlene, son, Timothy (Danette) Brummels of Elkhorn, NE, three daughters, Tamela (Ted) Xavier of Maui, HI, Cynthia (Dick) Marr, and Melanie Egger both living in Elkhorn, NE, 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

The family invites you for a family and friends gathering on Thursday, January 5, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Reichmuth Funeral Home, 21901 W. Maple Rd, Elkhorn, NE 68022. Funeral services will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 115 W. Meigs Street, Valley, NE 68064 on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 11:00 am. A celebration of Pete's life will follow the service at the Elkhorn Eagles Club, 20276 Wirt Street, Elkhorn, NE.

Memorials to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, [t2t.org](http://t2t.org), Shriners Children's Hospital, [shrinerschildrens.org](http://shrinerschildrens.org)., or St. Mark Lutheran Church, 115 W. Meigs Street, Valley, NE 68064.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 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](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Robert "Pete" Dean Brummels.*



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January 02, 2023 at 11:41 PM



“ *Joyce Snide lit a candle in memory of Robert "Pete" Dean Brummels*



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**Joyce Snide** - December 31, 2022 at 01:25 PM



“ *So many amazing memories of our families growing up together in California; camping trips, holidays and so many weekends spent together. Uncle Pete will forever be in our hearts.*

*Sandy Brummels*

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**Sandra Brummels** - December 29, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Much love, Sandy, Dennis & Doug Brummels purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Pete" Dean Brummels.*



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**Much love, Sandy, Dennis & Doug Brummels** - December 29, 2022 at 11:24 AM

LH

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Pete. I worked with Pete and worked for Pete and he was always smiling , joking and fun to work with. Pete and Darlene have done a great job raising there children and a inspiration to us all. My sincere condolenes to the family. Lois Huff

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**Lois M Huff** - December 28, 2022 at 06:17 PM

JB

“ I first met Pete when I joined Information Magnetics in Goleta, after graduating from UCSB, in 1971. I hired into the accounting department and among other tasks I handled "petty cash". Pete was my best "customer", always happy, smiling and taking a few minutes to sit down and chat with me. He signed out whatever amount he needed for his purchases and always brought back the receipt and the correct amount of change. (Many other employees couldn't figure out how to do that and made balancing the account nearly impossible.) Can't tell you how much I appreciated that extra effort on his part. That was his nature and how I remember him throughout the 50+ years my husband Stan and I have known him.

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**Judy Burwell** - December 26, 2022 at 06:54 PM

SB

“ Pete and I used to "sell" together and when he was first starting to get his company (Brumko) going, he and I went to Memorex in San Jose and got a very large order. That trip home on the plane, will be remembered by everyone on that plane forever!! What a hoot!!!

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**Stan Burwell** - December 26, 2022 at 01:47 PM

SB

*“Pete and I have been friends for over 50 yrs. We started out working together as our first jobs in the computer industry (1970?), established a friendship and have gone on to make that friendship grow over these many wonderful years. Pete was "one of the good guys" in a world of questionable people. He was honest, reliable, gifted, one heck of a great salesman and I have never in my life had more fun with anyone other than Pete! The world will be a better place for all that Pete has given and taught all of us who called him a friend. He will be missed!*

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**Stan Burwell** - December 26, 2022 at 01:43 PM

PC

*I was first introduced to Pete at Memorex. We signed on with Brumco for head refurbishing. Not long after that Pete offered me a West Coast sales position and it took all of 3 seconds to say YES. I was in charge of the newly formed West Coast sales and learned so much from Pete about sales. He was so much fun to go on sales calls with. We would talk about politics and The Huskers and of course customers. Years later I would call Pete just to keep in touch and laugh about Brumco days and talk about politics and of course the Huskers. Pete was a great family man and wonderful person, he will be profoundly missed by all of us who's lives he touched and especially his family..bless you all.*

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**Patricia Crumpton** - January 05, 2023 at 03:50 PM



*“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert "Pete" Dean Brummels.*



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December 25, 2022 at 10:54 AM

RR

“ Robin Rowray lit a candle in memory of Robert "Pete" Dean Brummels



robin rowray - December 24, 2022 at 09:16 PM

RR

“ I was inteoduced to Pete by his Grand daughter, Niki, my daughter inlaw . The few times i seen him he was always very kind . I love his Grand daughter , Nikki very much ! Shows what a great Grandpa he was ❤️

robin rowray - December 24, 2022 at 09:15 PM

VB

“ I worked with Pete for 18 years and he was like family to me. My husband and I went to Wendover with him and Darlene a while back along with my parents and had such a wonderful time! He always had a smile and a hug for me. I am deeply sad and he will be missed terribly. Sending prayers to Darlene and the family. Maybe he is hanging out with my dad right now!

Vicki M Broussard - December 23, 2022 at 05:27 PM

CM

“ Dad, you are forever in my heart. All that I am today is because you were a great father and friend. I will forever cherish the last six weeks of your life that I was able to spend with you. I will miss you everyday, but you left an imprint on my heart filled with love and happy family memories. Cindy

Cindy Marr - December 23, 2022 at 03:25 PM