



Wayne L. Andersen

June 10, 1941 - February 22, 2025

Wayne was born to Mildred and Milo Andersen on a farm near Kimballton, Iowa. Then, he and his younger sister Janet were raised on the Andersen farm outside Elk Horn, Iowa. Wayne participated in many school activities, including sports, 4-H, drama, and music. He developed a strong work ethic, raising calves and pigs to earn money for college.

His Danish roots led him to Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, where he graduated with a degree in Business. During his senior year at Dana, he met Judy Thomas. They married in 1965 and celebrated their 60th anniversary this past February.

Wayne and Judy lived in Omaha, York, and Minden, Nebraska, where Wayne worked for International Harvester. He served in the Nebraska National Guard. In 1967, after their first child, Chris was born, they moved back to Omaha for Wayne's new job at Western Electric. Jenny, their second child, was born in 1969.

Wayne loved watching his children grow up and was active in their lives. He especially loved participating in their youth sports activities, coaching Chris' basketball team and Jenny's soccer team. He and Chris joined Indian Guides and loved the annual Pinewood Derby. With Jenny, he joined Indian Princesses, where their nicknames were Wildflower and Big Weed.

Wayne and Judy took their children on many camping adventures to Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana. Judy's parents frequently accompanied them with their trusty pop-up camper on these trips. Wayne had a warm relationship with Judy's parents and extended family.

Wayne's family made many cherished memories, spending time on his parents' farm with his sister Janet and her family. Dancing around the Christmas tree, eating Danish food, and attending Tivoli Fest were ways of connecting with his Danish heritage. In the summer of 1983, Wayne's parents took Wayne's and Janet's families to Denmark for a memorable trip to visit relatives and meaningful family sites.

In 2000, after retirement, Wayne and Judy moved to Estes Park, Colorado, where they lived for twenty-two years after building their mountain home. Wayne made many friends through golfing, hiking, Rotary, Salud, and Salvation Army. The year he served as "Big Duck" for the annual Estes Park Rotary Duck Race was a highlight for him. Wayne and Judy loved camping and traveling to Great Britain, Canada, Italy, New Zealand, Iceland, and throughout the U.S. Just as Superman's Fortress of Solitude served as a secluded retreat, "Wayne's World" was his sanctuary. It was a place where he could escape the world, relax, watch the Huskers, Rockies, golf, and volleyball, and take an occasional nap.

Wayne's greatest joy was his family, including his six grandchildren and great-grandson, and he said that moving back to the Omaha area in 2022 to be close to family was "one of the best decisions we ever made."

Wayne left a legacy of generosity, kindness, work ethic, service to others, and love for his family. We will miss him and feel grateful for his loving presence in our lives.

Wayne is survived by his wife Judy; son Chris (KC) Andersen; daughter Jenny (Virgil) Oligmueller; grandchildren: Carly, Fischer, Courtney Andersen; Jackson, Grace, Parker Oligmueller; great-grandson Jameson Oligmueller; sister Janet (Doug) Johnson; aunt Reta Larsen; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Milo and Mildred Andersen.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at 2pm on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Reichmuth Funeral Home. A RECEPTION will follow from 3 – 5pm also at Reichmuth Funeral Home.

Because Wayne loved his flannel shirts, the family will be wearing some of his favorites. We welcome you to wear a flannel shirt, too.

Memorials are suggested to

<https://parkinsonsnebraska.org/donate/> or <https://www.kidneyfund.org/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
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Reception

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Wayne L. Andersen*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - February 26, 2025 at 11:19 AM

SC

“ *Susan C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne L. Andersen.*

Susan C. - March 11, 2025 at 05:01 PM

KP

“ *Judy, Chris and Jen - I'm sorry to hear this news. Mr. Andersen was my first select soccer coach for the West Omaha Rebels. It remains my favorite team I was ever on. He was such a kind coach with a gentle smile and he taught me so much. I thought of him fondly over the years as my soccer career progressed. Thinking of you all.*

Kristin (Meysenburg) Petty - March 07, 2025 at 12:02 PM

JO

Thanks for your kind words, Kris. My Dad loved coaching and loved his soccer girls. ❤️. I've been going through old pics...so many great memories from our soccer days. ~ Jenny

Jenny Oligmueller - March 12, 2025 at 09:27 AM

RT

“ I've missed seeing Wayne at the E.P. Golf Course the past few years. He was a gentleman, and always professional when he was manning the starter's shack. Sad to read of his passing. Best to all the Andersens, you had a good man there!

Ron Thomas - March 05, 2025 at 03:56 PM

CD

“ Carol D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne L. Andersen.

Carol D. - March 01, 2025 at 07:25 PM

AW

“ Angela W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne L. Andersen.

Angela W. - February 28, 2025 at 01:59 PM

RS

“ REAMS Supply purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Wayne L. Andersen.



REAMS Supply - February 28, 2025 at 01:45 PM

AZ

“ Annette & Rhett Zeplin purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Wayne L. Andersen.



Annette & Rhett Zeplin - February 27, 2025 at 11:59 PM

VF

“ Vokt Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Wayne L. Andersen.



Vokt Family - February 27, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wayne L. Andersen.



February 27, 2025 at 01:26 PM

DH

“ My deepest sympathy to Wayne's family. Such a kind man with the nicest smile. I met Wayne in 1964 when his sister Jan married my older brother, Doug. Loved being invited to the Andersen farm for a family dinner. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Deb Hart

Deb Hart - February 27, 2025 at 11:34 AM

BF

“ *Bev, Barb, Donna & Rick families purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Wayne L. Andersen.*



Bev, Barb, Donna & Rick families - February 26, 2025 at 03:15 PM

DJ

“ *Dennis J. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Wayne L. Andersen.*



Dennis J. - February 26, 2025 at 02:19 PM

CS

“ *Carol, Lillian, Sylas, Nathan and Sarah purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wayne L. Andersen.*



Carol, Lillian, Sylas, Nathan and Sarah - February 26, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wayne L. Andersen.*



February 26, 2025 at 10:40 AM

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Chris Andersen - February 25, 2025 at 10:10 PM

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KC Andersen - February 25, 2025 at 10:08 PM

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Carly Andersen and her grandpa!

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Such a great pic mom and dad!

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Chris Andersen - February 25, 2025 at 09:57 PM

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Chris Andersen - February 25, 2025 at 09:54 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Wayne and family*



Chris Andersen - February 25, 2025 at 08:52 PM

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“ 1 file added to the *tribute wall*



Chris Andersen - February 25, 2025 at 06:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Wayne L. Andersen*.

February 25, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Wayne L. Andersen*.



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RF

“ *Runyan family, Urban family, Kahl family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wayne L. Andersen.*



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