



Carl Wayne Andersen

February 15, 1939 - December 17, 2014

Carl Wayne Andersen, son of Einar and Gracia (Overturf) Andersen, was born on February 15, 1939 at his home in rural Edgar. On December 17, 2014 he peacefully passed away, surrounded by family at his home in Sutton.

Services will be 1:30 p.m., Monday, December 22, 2014, at the Federated Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Scharleen Cross and Rev. Harry Cross officiating. Interment will follow at the Ong Cemetery in Ong, NE. Visitation will be Sunday, from 1 - 8 p.m., with the family present from 4 - 6 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Carl graduated from Sutton High School in 1956. In 1962 he graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with an Electrical Engineering degree. He accepted a position with North American Rockwell Company in Los Angeles, California, where he worked on the command modules of the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo Spacecraft Programs. He had the honor of having coffee with Neil Armstrong.

Wanting to return to his Midwest roots, Carl accepted a position in 1968 as a Design Engineer with Raven Industries and moved to Sioux Falls, South

Dakota. On December 19, 1970, he married Karen Miller of Gettysburg, South Dakota. While in Sioux Falls, Carl eventually started his own construction company, building houses and apartments.

After seven years of city life, Carl and Karen chose to leave their jobs behind and relocate their family to the homestead where his life began. He wanted his family to learn the value of rural, family-oriented life. He built a home for his family and several others in the community while growing the farming operation he took over from his parents. Carl was an outdoorsman and an avid hunter. He enjoyed water skiing, trap shooting, camping and fishing. He was skilled at building guns. He was concerned about conservation and was an active member of the Rain Water Basin Joint Venture board. He lobbied in Washington, DC in support of conservation efforts. He was exceptionally well read and was particularly interested in history and family heritage. You could often hear him say, "You can always tell a Dane but you can't tell him much".

He loved the smells of frying bacon, wet dogs and wood smoke and frequently said they would make the most desirable candle scents, to the dismay of his wife.

His biggest love was spending time with family. He suffered with pain from cancer, Parkinson's and shingles for six years, but said none of that compared to the pain of losing his daughter, Jennifer.

Left to treasure his memory are his children, Scot Andersen and wife, Stacy of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Kristi Andersen of Sutton, Nebraska, Joshua Andersen and wife Teryl of Edgar, Nebraska; his grandchildren, Felicia Andersen, Heather Andersen, Holly Mora and husband, Brian, Mallory Carl, Shannon Carl, Gavin Andersen, Leif Andersen, Ingelise Andersen, Elsa Andersen and Grethe Andersen; sister, Donna Williams and husband, Don; niece, Cindy Williams; nephews, Randall Williams and wife Penny, and Brad

Williams and wife Barb, and many other family members and friends.

Carl was preceded in death by his nephew, Barton Williams and his parents, Einar and Gracia Andersen.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Family & Friends of Carl,
My sincerest condolences on the passing of your loved one. I went to work, for Carl, in 1973, when he was Contracting in Sioux Falls. I only recently learned of his passing..which I regret. Carl was one of the most intelligent and gifted individuals I ever met. I loved hearing his stories of growing up in Southern Nebraska. Dec. 17th is also the Anniversary of the Wright Bros. Flight. I find that synonymous with Carl's 'flight' to his place with the Master Engineer of the Universe. So long, old friend..til we meet again..Beyond the Sunset.*

Terry L. Bellonger - August 28, 2018 at 05:28 AM

TS

“ *My deepest sympathy and regards, Karen and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Peace be with you.*

Tom Schulte, '62

Tom Schulte - December 22, 2014 at 08:26 AM

AB

“ *Karen and family, My heart felt sympathy! I love you all dearly.*

Andrea Buller - December 21, 2014 at 02:02 PM

MR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Karen.*

Maureen Reintjes - December 21, 2014 at 01:25 PM

JL

“ Karen, Kristi, Josh and Teryl,

I am so sorry for your loss. One of my fondest memories is prairie dog hunting with Carl and Jen a few years ago. While I only had limited interactions with Carl, the way he carried himself and his genuine nature had a huge impact on me. I am forever thankful for knowing him.

Prayers to you all.

Joe Lee - December 21, 2014 at 11:13 AM

JB

“ so sorry for you loss. My heart goes out to you Karen and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Bassett - December 21, 2014 at 08:43 AM

BJ

“ Karen, you and your family are in our prayers. My heart breaks for you.

Brandie McCoy and staff of Imperial Jewelers - December 20, 2014 at 05:37 PM

KM

“ We were so privileged to have met Carl. He was clearly a loving, nurturing father and loved our dear Karen with all his heart. He was inspiring to all of us as he dealt with his illnesses and trauma of losing Jennifer with such grace and dignity. I will never forget my last hug with him. I'm glad I had all those moments together. He won't be forgotten.

Kelly Murphy - December 20, 2014 at 05:34 PM

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Kelly Murphy - December 20, 2014 at 02:41 PM

HB

“ Know that we are thinking of you as you work through this hardship. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Much love to all.

Hazel Pluim and Liz Brunk - December 20, 2014 at 10:15 AM

RF

“ The entire Andersen Family is in my thoughts and prayers. Some of my fondest memories is spending beautiful days chasing quail in the mountains of Southern Arizona with Carl. I will always remember him as a true conservationist and a great shot! Thank you for spending time with me and my dogs.

Russ Finney - December 20, 2014 at 08:24 AM

BD

“ My thoughts are with the family. I hope you can find comfort with each other during this sad time. My heart is heavy for you. Cherish your memories and love each other during this time.

Brenda (Veleba) Dolezal - December 20, 2014 at 05:42 AM

KA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all in these sad days.

Kelly S Andersen - December 19, 2014 at 06:56 PM

DR

“ Our hearts hurt for you all as you go through this time. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.
We love you and pray you will find the strength that you will need as you need it in the days ahead.

Dannie and Janie Ramming - December 19, 2014 at 04:34 PM

BI

“ So to hear of your loss. May you find happiness in the memories that you hold in your heart , and may you find comfort in the coming months from friends and family.

Bobbie Itzen - December 19, 2014 at 03:23 PM

SS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss!

Shannon Stone - December 19, 2014 at 02:44 PM