



## Richard William Kinney

January 27, 1961 - July 12, 2015

A Celebration of Dick's life will be held at the Clay Center Christian Church with Pastor Nathan Brands officiating on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. with burial following at Clay Center Cemetery. Visitation will be held at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center, NE, on Sunday, July 19, 2015, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. with the family being present to greet friends.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Make-A-Wish Foundation and/or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Richard "Dick" W. Kinney, 54, of Hastings, passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2015, at Nebraska Heart Institute in Lincoln, NE surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on January 27, 1961, in Superior, NE, to Wallace and Bitha (Reiman) Kinney. He was baptized at Pibel Lake in Ericson, NE. He graduated from Clay Center High School in 1979. In 1979, he married Vera Larsen and together, they had two daughters, Starlight and Jessica. Marrying Angie Smith in 1997, children Hanna and Evan joined the family. In 2008, he married Stephanie Cobb Lau, becoming much more than a stepdad to her daughters Chelsea, Hannah, and Caitlyn.

Dick worked many jobs over the years. He primarily enjoyed working as a

mechanic with his dear friend, Gary Porter. He later worked as a paramedic at Eastern Ambulance (now Rural Metro) in both Lincoln and Hastings, and as a phlebotomist at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln. He also greatly enjoyed working with all the veterans at the VA Hospitals in Lincoln and Grand Island. He never tired of hearing their stories and admired their wisdom.

Dick also had many unique interests. He was a technological whiz; making it impossible to visit him without tripping over a broken TV he was "just about" to work on. He loved recording music, especially the beautiful voice of his stepdaughter, Hannah. He was also incredibly passionate about the Huskers, flying, fishing, scuba diving, and politics.

Above all, Dick enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband and father, always there whenever any of his children needed him. One of his life's greatest joys was being a Papa to nine grandchildren.

Life with Dick was never dull. He will be remembered for his love of Top Gun, Meat Loaf's Bat out of Hell album, thrill rides in his black Mustang convertible, hot dogs dipped in peanut butter, saltine crackers and chocolate milk, and of course, the "vanilla pudding" that turned out to be whipped butter.

He is preceded in death by his father, Wallace Kinney and son-in-law, Johnny Titsworth. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie; mother, Bitha Kinney, of Harvard, NE; daughter and son-in-law, Starlight (Kinney) and Jose Fonseca, of Council Bluffs, IA; daughter, Jessica (Kinney) Mullen-Titsworth, of Hastings, NE; stepdaughters Hanna Riner, of Lincoln, NE, Chelsea Lau, of Charlottesville, VA; Hannah Lau, of Hastings, NE; and Caitlyn Lau, of Hastings, NE; stepson, Evan Riner, of Hastings, NE; sister and brother-in-law Vivian (Kinney) and Dan Sidlo, of Hastings, NE; brother and sister-in-law Michael and Renae (Metz) Kinney of Bennet, NE; grandchildren, Matthew Turvey, Joseph Turvey, Ysabel Fonseca, Eliana Fonseca, and Starlight "Bizi"

Fonseca, all of Council Bluffs, IA; Jocelyn Heras, Jasara Mullen, and JaCiana Mullen, all of Hastings, NE; and Harper McClanahan of Lincoln, NE; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Viv, sorry to hear about Dick. My memories were of him being the humorous & sometimes bothersome little brother during our escapades to Clay Center. It looks like he turned out to be a very well respected & highly revered family man & friend. Kind of an odd story concerning the way I heard about this... My heartfelt sorrow & condolences go out to you at this difficult time.

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**Carl Mau** - July 25, 2015 at 10:15 AM

KM

“ Prayers for Dick and his family. I have many great memories late nights and laughs. Rest in peace, Richard.

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**Kurt Matthes** - July 20, 2015 at 06:17 PM

CC

“ Stephanie,  
You may not remember us. My daughter, Katrina (Katie), and I did some counseling with you years ago. We both wanted to express how sorry we are for your loss. Having gone through this ourselves we know how difficult this time is for you. We pray that God will comfort you and your girls.

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**Cathie Cure** - July 19, 2015 at 04:29 PM

MD

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dick ' s passing.He was always such a great person and friend!! My prayers to Dick ' family. May the Lord be with them and help them through this very difficult time.

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**Marilois Davis** - July 18, 2015 at 10:47 PM

BM

“ To Dick's family, Dick was like a brother to me and many of you feel like family as well. We had many good times together and shared some tough ones as well being there as friends are for each other. The day will come when although he is missed for all the wonders he added to our lives, we will be smiling and sharing the "do you remember when's" of Dick's life with us. May God bless and keep Dick, and support all those who together share his loss.

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**Bruce L Monson** - July 18, 2015 at 04:43 PM

JM

“ You are missed greatly and although it seems life can't go on without you I know you wouldn't want anything but happiness for us. I love you dad & can't wait to see you again!! <3 LYLADFAE <3

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**Jessica Mullen** - July 17, 2015 at 03:21 PM

BB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of cousin Dick. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We pray for peace and comfort for you now and in the days ahead.

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**Bill L. Jr and Duanna Bradley** - July 16, 2015 at 02:42 PM