



Alan Kieckhafer

October 12, 1951 – June 6, 2012

Alan Kieckhafer, 60, longtime Ogallala resident, died Wednesday, June 6, 2012, in the Ogallala Community Hospital.

Al was born October 12, 1951 in Sacramento, Cal., the son of Arthur and Gretchen (Christensen) Kieckhafer. When he was age three he moved with his family to Nebraska. Al attended rural school until his junior year attended high school in Hooper, Nebr. He then was employed with a contractor building confinement chicken barns in northeastern Nebraska.



In February 1970 Al met Peggy Fegter in Alma where he worked with his father building a nursing home there. On August 2, 1970 Al and Peggy were married. They honeymooned in Wisconsin since the construction job became delayed because of a tornado.

In September 1971 Al enlisted in the Army and became a Military Policeman. He served in Viet Nam eighteen months. He returned to Hooper after a brief stay in Fort Riley, Kansas. Al served in the National Guard for one year in Hooper. He then started his own construction company and built confinement hog barns. He employed almost thirty men working in South Dakota, Kansas, and Nebraska.

In 1977 the family moved to Denver and Al worked construction for several years. They returned to Nebraska and together managed Fisherman's Hideaway for one summer. Al then got hired on the Union Pacific Railroad as a carpenter in 1981. During layoffs he worked at the Hydro Plant at Lake McConaughy and helped build the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Ogallala. During his railroad career he held positions of carpenter, certified welder, assistant foreman and foreman.

His hobbies included fishing, playing pool, designing and building decks, and especially enjoyed cooking and smoking meat. Al was a member of the VFW and the Ogallala Moose Lodge.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Survivors include his wife Peggy Kieckhafer of Ogallala; three sons: Shawn (Adrienne) Kieckhafer of San Marcos, Cal.; Adam (Chauncie) Kieckhafer of Ogallala; and Tanner (Lauren) Kieckhafer of Syracuse, NY.

One brother, Loren (Judy) Kieckhafer of Ogallala and one sister Karen (George) Wagner of Hooper, Nebr. also five grandchildren: Jacob, Payton, Brooklyn, Aiden, and Kayla.

There will be no visitation. The Funeral Service will be Monday, June 11, at 10 a.m. Mountain Time in Draucker Funeral Home. Rev. Chuck Rager of the First United Methodist Church will officiate.

Interment is in Fort McPherson National Cemetery near Maxwell, Nebr. Monday, June 11, at 2:30 p.m. Central Time with honors by the Military Funeral Honors Army National Guard.

A memorial has been established in his memory. Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com. Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.