



Rick Nielsen

March 5, 1953 – October 28, 2012

Rick Nielsen, 59, of Ogallala, died Sunday, October 28, 2012 in the Northern Colorado Medical Center of Greeley, Colorado.

Rick was born March 5, 1953 in Sioux City, Iowa, the son of Ole and Vernise (Thomas) Nielsen. As a young child he moved with his family to Lakewood, Colo. Rick graduated from Green Mountain High School in 1971.

He attended Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo. where he studied auto mechanics and obtained an Associate Degree. Rick was employed at Larson Ford in Sterling until 1975. He then



moved to Ogallala and was employed as a mechanic at Kohl Motors and also worked at Front Street Restaurant. In 1977 he became manager at Pioneer Trails Restaurant followed by a management position at Front Street from 1981 to 1983. Rick and his father started Nielsen Construction in 1983. From 1996 to 2006 Rick was the manager of Front Street Saloon and Restaurant. He then served as the manager of the Moose Lodge until his retirement.

In 1976 Rick was united in marriage to Jan Fenwick at Front Street. The couple made their home in Ogallala.

His hobbies included fishing, playing pool, and collecting vintage cars. Rick was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Ogallala Elks Lodge.

Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother Randy Nielsen.

Survivors include his children: Erin (Jason) Barnhill and Lee (Melinda) Nielsen, all of Ogallala. And two grandchildren: Nolan and Oliver Nielsen of Ogallala. And special friend Diana McIntosh of Ogallala.

There will be no visitation. The family chose cremation. A memorial service will be Saturday, November 3, at 11 a.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. Rev. Chuck Rager of the First United Methodist Church will officiate.

A memorial has been established in his name.

Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.