



Randy R. Fratzke

August 15, 1952 - April 30, 2021

Randy R. Fratzke, 68, of Spirit Lake passed away on Friday, April 30, 2021 at the Good Samaritan Care Center in Windom, MN. There will be a private family service held at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake with Military Funeral Rites conducted by the American Legion Timpe Post #23 and the John W. Kidd VFW Post #4514 of Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral in Spirit Lake.

Randy was born on August 15, 1952 in Independence, IA to Floyd Raymond and Laura Jean (Treptow) Fratzke. After graduation from Cedar Falls High School, Randy enlisted in the US Army and served his country until his honorable discharge in 1977. When he returned home, he furthered his education earning 4 separate degrees from the University of Chicago, University of Georgia, Boston College and New York Art School. He worked for GMAC for 15 years prior to starting his own photography studio. Fratzke Photography specialized primarily in commercial photography. He was married to Marianne from 1971 to 1980. To this union, a son Karl was born. He was later married to Rachelle from 1981 to 2018.

In Randy's free time he enjoyed wood working and baking. He especially enjoyed baking sour dough bread.

Left to cherish his memory is his son Karl (Heather) Fratzke of Clarksville, TN

and grandchildren Kyle (Kara), Michael Fratzke, Cameron, Natalie, Roman and Parker Schenk. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Ricky.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sorry for your loss*



Katie Slater - May 11, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ *Randy was all be dearly missed at Casting Away Disabilities fishing week at Rathbun Lake, Honey Creek Resort.*

Karen Fynaardt - May 07, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *LISA MURRAY lit a candle in memory of Randy R. Fratzke*



LISA MURRAY - May 05, 2021 at 07:39 AM



Christopher Barry

“ *My father and I are sad to hear of Randy's passing. From Chris and Garry Barry (fishing buddies)*



Christopher Barry - May 04, 2021 at 06:06 PM

JK

“ Randy was a cool guy, and I enjoyed his personality immensely. I especially liked the times when Rascal, the handsome Lab Randy loved, would hang out when I was over for a visit. My sympathies to the family. You have lost a good man. We all have.

Jane Kauzlarich - May 03, 2021 at 08:33 PM

KL

“ Sending prayers and comfort to Randy's family. My husband, Rod, and he were business partners, but Randy felt more like family. He was always so good to our kids. Miss the good natured ribbing he always had for me. Our next fishing trip, we'll think of Randy (yes, we'll keep the catfish and throw back the bass, that'll make him cringe and smile!) Kathy Lenius

Kathy Lenius - May 03, 2021 at 05:08 PM

DH

“ Worked with Randy in physical therapy. How appreciative he was for any help that he received. A joy to be around. RIP Randy. Dave Halland

David Halland - May 03, 2021 at 03:13 PM

CH

“ I worked with Randy at Fratzke VanderWerf Photo. He always had great stories and would make me laugh quite a bit. He was such a fun person to chat with. RIP my friend. Carol Hansen

Carol Hansen - May 03, 2021 at 02:53 PM

DH

“ I have driven Randy to the VA hospital on a few occasions for his VA appointments. I always enjoyed the trips with Randy, always good conversations. I will miss those trips.

Dave Hansen - May 03, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ Randy was my dads business partner. I was 14 when I met him, he always made me laugh and always offered encouragement. One time, I was developing 2,340 black and white pictures of a feed sack and Randy would pop in from time to time and sing me a silly song. He was more than can be summed up in words. I'm very sorry he is gone.

Heidi Besler - May 03, 2021 at 01:19 PM

RV

“ Randy and I were business partners for a number of years. There were a lot of good times and laughs. See you down the road old friend. Rod VanderWerf

Rod VanderWerf - May 03, 2021 at 01:09 PM

GG

“ Randy was a good and helpful neighbor, and a good friend. He cared about doing things the right way. He was a thoughtful guy, and an interesting conversationalist. I will miss him.
Gary Garrison



gary garrison - May 03, 2021 at 12:37 PM

PL

Met Randy at South Dakota VA. Very interesting man. He became a great friend, eventually family. I can never forget this hardcore brother on mine. Always smiling with his smoking pipe. Will miss our conversation about fishing and surfing. I wish you could made it out to Hawaii, we could've surf some good ways. See you on the other side my brother. RIL Aloha

Pine Lauvao - May 05, 2021 at 01:51 AM

PL

I met Randy at South Dakota VA. Became great friend eventually family. My fishing and surfing brother. I will missed our conversation and laughter. Bless journey my brother. Surf 🏄♀️ a big wave bro. Aloha

Pine Lauvao - May 05, 2021 at 01:58 AM

LY

“ Lynne lit a candle in memory of Randy R. Fratzke



lynne - May 03, 2021 at 11:24 AM

LY

Prayers for the family. Randy was an excellent "woodsmith" in spite of his sight. Made the most out every situation! Randy was a great guy. RIP Randy!

lynne - May 03, 2021 at 11:30 AM

JB

“ Jenny Bengs lit a candle in memory of Randy R. Fratzke



Jenny Bengs - May 03, 2021 at 09:06 AM

LG

“ *LuAnn & Dave Garnjobst lit a candle in memory of Randy R. Fratzke*



LuAnn & Dave Garnjobst - May 02, 2021 at 10:19 AM

MZ

“ *Mora Zinn lit a candle in memory of Randy R. Fratzke*



Mora Zinn - May 01, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of Randy R. Fratzke*



Norm Meinking - May 01, 2021 at 05:41 AM

KK

“ *Karen Krieger lit a candle in memory of Randy R. Fratzke*



Karen Krieger - May 01, 2021 at 12:34 AM

NR

“ Nancy Rees lit a candle in memory of Randy R. Fratzke



Nancy Rees - April 30, 2021 at 08:37 PM

LC

“ Lakes Art Center lit a candle in memory of Randy R. Fratzke



Lakes Art Center - April 30, 2021 at 02:27 PM

LC

“ Lakes Art Centere lit a candle in memory of Randy R. Fratzke



Lakes Art Centere - April 30, 2021 at 02:26 PM

RF

“ The best friend I have ever had. Rest in peace.

Rachelle Fratzke - April 30, 2021 at 02:24 PM