

Joplin, MO

Theodore E. (Ted) Dappen, age 82, passed from this life on September 15, 2020 in Joplin, Missouri. Ted was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on September 2, 1938 to William E. and Irene H. (Hinshaw) Dappen. Ted graduated from Dawson High School in 1957. He married Faye Witt July 17, 1960 and to this union five children were born – Craig and Donald (twins who died in infancy), Stephen, Cynthia, and Jennifer. They were later divorced in 1984. Ted served in the United States Army in 1962 and 1963. Ted was a mechanic and then farmed for several years. He then went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad in 1974 until his retirement. Ted married Grace Ann on November 5, 1987.

Ted delighted in outdoor activities. Some of his favorite pursuits were farming, boating, fishing, and music just to name a few. He was an avid Cornhusker fan, cheering them to victory at every opportunity. He could often be found tinkering in his shop and trying new things. Ted was a friend to all who met him. Being a devout Christian, he offered his services to his church in many ways and was a blessing to all. He enjoyed eating breakfast at the Green Country Café. Making trips to Harbor Freight for new tools was a favorite pastime. Above all he loved his family. His grandchildren and great grandchildren deeply loved their Papa.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents and twin sons. Left to cherish his memory are his wife Grace; sons Stephen (Linda) Dappen and Cleo Reed; daughters Maryann (Sam) Beets, Cynthia (Jimmy) Bauman, Kathy (Jamie) VanStavern, and Jennifer (Jerry) Rathmann. 10 Grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren.

A Graveside Memorial Service is open to the public and will be held 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2020, at the Maple Cemetery in Salem, Nebraska with Pastor Andrew Chavanak officiating. Full military honors will be conducted by the Nebraska Army Funeral Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the family with a later designation.

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