



## Melvin Charles Krotz

August 26, 1953 - August 30, 2019

Funeral services for MELVIN CHARLES KROTZ, 66, will be held at 3:30pm Friday, September 6, 2019 at St Joseph Children's Home Chapel with The Reverends Bill Baker and Diane Carlton officiating. Burial will take place Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Holly Cemetery in Rushville, Nebraska at 11am. Melvin passed away at University of Colorado Hospital in Aurora, Colorado on Friday August 30, 2019. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to either All Saints Episcopal Church, Lion's Club or the Bent Barrels and Crooked Arrows 4-H Club. The casket will be open prior to the service at St Joseph's. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Melvin was born on August 26, 1953 to Charles and Barbara (Landreth) Krotz in Rushville, Nebraska. He graduated from Rushville High School in 1971. He moved to Chadron, Nebraska and learned the trade of carpet installation. Melvin met his wife, Paula (Miglia) Krotz in January of 1990 at a square dance held in his old country school house. They were married eight months later on September 1, 1990. They began their married life in an old, rented trailer house in Rushville. A year later, they moved to Torrington, Wyoming. Scott Charles Krotz was born to their union on August 31, 1993. Hayley Rae Krotz joined their family in January of 2011. Melvin worked a variety of jobs while living in Torrington. His first job was at the Christmas Tree Farm. From there, he moved to Kelley Bean. He then decided to put his training as a carpet layer

to good use and had his own business, Krotz Karpeting for a couple of years until he suffered a back injury. He then moved on to the Oak Tree Inn in Morrill, Nebraska. His final work experience was at Century Lumber in Torrington. He retired from that position in October of 2017. Melvin joined the National Guard shortly after high school and became part of the Chadron artillery unit. When he moved to Torrington, he joined the Torrington National Guard Unit and learned the MOS of canvas repair specialist. He retired from the Nation Guard after almost twenty-four years of service.

Melvin thoroughly enjoyed people. He was happiest when he was giving someone a bad time. He always seemed to have a smile on his face and was a very laid back person. He seemed to know almost everyone due to his variety of work experiences. No one was a stranger. He was a member of the All Saints Episcopal Church. He also belonged to the Torrington Lion's Club, the American Legion and the Bent Barrels and Crooked Arrows 4-H Club.

Melvin is survived by his wife Paula; son Scott (Katie) Krotz of Torrington; daughter Hayley Krotz of Torrington; brothers Tom (Judy), John (Julie), and Wayne (Rena) of Rushville, Nebraska; sisters Kathleen (Bill) Kocourek of Martin, South Dakota, and Rosalie (Don) Pierce of Fountain, Colorado; mother-in-law, Gloria Miglia of Torrington; and various nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his parents.

# Cemetery Details

## Holly Cemetery

Rushville, NE

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 6. 3:30 PM (MT)

St Joseph's Childrens' Home  
1419 South Main Street  
Torrington, WY 82240  
(307) 532-4197

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ I remember he was out side when we were putting our Christmas lights up and we were doing the music with them and he told us to turn it up and he started to dance and sing

stall - December 09, 2019 at 10:17 AM

HH

“ I was very surprised at the news of Melvin's passing we have lost all of one generation and now we are working on ours we will miss you cousin Herb Higgs mon was a Krotz

Herb Higgs - September 06, 2019 at 07:21 AM

HH

“ Herb Higgs lit a candle in memory of Melvin Charles Krotz



Herb Higgs - September 06, 2019 at 07:20 AM

BF

“ Always a kind word for this RHS classmate. RIP Melvin.

Becky Fischer - September 05, 2019 at 11:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Charles Krotz.*



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September 05, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ *I worked with Melvin in the guard, he was always happy and smiling. Hadnt seen him in years, but am sure sorry to hear of his passing. Thoughts and prayers to you all.*

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**Jil Stroud** - September 05, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ *Robert And Geri Ann Landreth lit a candle in memory of Melvin Charles Krotz*



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**Robert and Geri Ann Landreth** - September 04, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ *I am sending heartfelt condolences and prayers to Melvin's family. Faith will help ensure this difficult and sad time. Think of him daily and remember his love. A fellow classmate at RHS and his country church, St. Mary's Holy.*

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**Joan Baumgart** - September 04, 2019 at 02:10 PM

VG

“ Melvin loved and was totally devoted to his Lions Club. He always wore his vest proudly. He especially liked working on projects for youth. He loved organizing the parade float and Working with Miss Merry Christmas. 🌲. He will be greatly missed by his Lions friends 😍. Hugs and prayers for his family. 🙏

Val Grant - September 04, 2019 at 08:00 AM

SH

“ Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of Melvin Charles Krotz



Scherri Hacker - September 04, 2019 at 01:31 AM

PK

“ I graduated with Melvin. He was such a happy go lucky guy. I am so sorry for your loss.  
Peg Tallon Kuester (RHS Class of 1971).

Peg Tallon Kuester - September 03, 2019 at 10:55 PM



“ Some of my earliest memories involve going to Uncle Charlie's to cut our Christmas tree with these cousins; such a special way to bring in the Christmas holiday. It is hard to believe that this cousin is gone so soon. Condolences to all of Melvin's family.

Joann Ross - September 03, 2019 at 09:34 PM

KH

“ He always gave me a hard time when I was at Century Lumber! I missed him when he retired. It was fun to be around him any time I was. He was an example of a doting husband and father. Thank you Mel for the smiles, hugs, and genuine friendship! <3

*Kriss and Jim*

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**Kriss and Jim Hovis** - September 03, 2019 at 07:56 PM

TR

“ Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Melvin Charles Krotz



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**Theil Ryan** - September 03, 2019 at 07:53 PM

TR

“ I worked with Melvin at Century Lumber and enjoyed being with him . He was fun to work with. I will miss him. Love to the family.

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**Theil Ryan** - September 03, 2019 at 06:36 PM