



## Randy Balk

August 22, 1959 - June 24, 2017

Randy Balk, age 57, of Templeton, passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at his home in Des Moines, Iowa.

A funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Templeton. The Celebrant will be Fr. Steve Brodersen. Music will be by Hannah Warner and the Sacred Heart Men's Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be Deb Hansen. Gift Bearers will be: Emmett Balk, Sachiko Kieffer, Eleanor Balk, and Tomiea Kieffer. Eucharistic Minister will be Charlene Rupiper. The Dedham American Legion will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Burial will be in the parish cemetery with military honors conducted by Offutt Air Force Base.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Thursday where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m. Randy's family will also greet friends one hour prior to the funeral mass on Friday at the church.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Randy's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Randy was born on August, 22, 1959 in Carroll, Iowa the son of LeRoy and

Judy (Schaeuble) Balk. He graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School and then joined the United States Air Force where he served from September of 1977 until September of 1997. While in the Air Force he met, fell in love and married Lydia Myers on February 21, 1981. To this union were three children: Tim, Kiyoko and Kathleen. Randy witnessed his children grow into parents as well with one grandson, Emmett; and three granddaughters: Sachiko, Tomiea and Eleanor.

During his free time he always had something to do; repairing lawn mowers, cars, striking up conversations with people he never had met; making instantaneous friends in those moments. Randy was diagnosed with gastro esophageal cancer two months ago and fought with all the life he had remaining. In the end, cancer took his life but he passed with his loved ones near and his love will carry on forever.

Randy was preceded in death by his father Leroy Balk, however the legacy of love he leaves behind is one that spans across the world. His love is carried on by Lydia (Myers) Balk, his children: Timothy (Lara) Balk of Ankeny, Kiyoko (Steve) Kieffer of Marshalltown, and Kathleen (Katie) Balk of Des Moines; his grandchildren: Emmett Balk, Sachiko Kieffer, Eleanor Balk, and Tomiea Kieffer; his mother, Judy Balk of Templeton; his siblings: Laurie Nieland of Carroll, Tim (Tina) Balk of Templeton, Julie (Ed) Erickson of Key Largo, FL, Joe (Laurel) Balk of Wichita, KS, Joyce Mann of Omaha, and Amy (Chad) Ross of Carroll; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Mayumi (Michael) Myers-Zastowny of PA, Nancy (Jim) Wilson of New Jersey, and Tammy (Greg) DeRosier of Ohio; as well as his numerous nieces and nephews carry his love through the generations.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church  
202 S 5th Ave  
Templeton, IA 51463

# Tribute Wall

GR

“ Randy was my brother-in-law, fellow veteran, and friend. We always had a good time when we got together. Randy will be missed, but he will always be remembered.  
Gregory De Rosier.

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**Gregory E. De Rosier** - July 01, 2017 at 09:42 AM

LL

“ So sorry for your loss.  
Larry

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**Larry Lloyd** - June 29, 2017 at 02:21 PM

KL

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. Randy was a wonderful man with a big heart.

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**Kathy (Peters) Lummus** - June 29, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Randy Balk.



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June 28, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Randy Balk.*



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June 28, 2017 at 10:58 AM



“ *Kiyo & Balk Family,*

*My sincerest condolences for the sudden and recent loss of your father, husband, brother and friend. May the memories that you have shared with him live on though his legacy. Hugs and prayers to your family during this difficult time. Amy Sturm (Bondurant, IA)*

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**Amy Sturm** - June 27, 2017 at 09:11 PM



“ *Robyn Flathers, Keegan Shield, and Monica Flathers purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Randy Balk.*



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**Robyn Flathers, Keegan Shield, and Monica Flathers** - June 27, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for you, Lydia... May God comfort you and family.*

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**Rebecca Brow** - June 27, 2017 at 08:22 PM

SN

“ Sherry & Nancy purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Randy Balk.



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**Sherry & Nancy** - June 27, 2017 at 06:03 PM

TB

“ I am very saddened to hear of the passing of Randy. We worked together in the Air Force at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois where we both worked as technical instructors. Randy was the friendliest person that I knew there and we shared a lot of good memories. He was always first to help out and he always had a great and positive attitude. I will pray for comfort for Randy's family and I hope that you will be filled with great memories of this great person. - Tim Brown/Beaver, Pennsylvania

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**Tim Brown** - June 27, 2017 at 05:06 PM

NA

“ Randy, you will be missed so much. One of the nicest person I have ever met.  
your wonderful smile will always be in my memory of you.

*LOVE, Nancy Myers*

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**Nancy** - June 27, 2017 at 04:58 PM

SM

“ *Sherry Marg lit a candle in memory of Randy Balk*



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**Sherry Marg** - June 27, 2017 at 04:52 PM

YW

“ *Your Friends at Wellmark purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Randy Balk.*



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**Your Friends at Wellmark** - June 27, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Randy Balk.*



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June 26, 2017 at 12:29 PM

JB

“ *Jeanette Bender lit a candle in memory of Randy Balk*



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**Jeanette Bender** - June 26, 2017 at 11:23 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Randy Balk.*



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June 26, 2017 at 07:33 AM



“ *I worked with Randy 10 years at the VA. Randy is a super guy who could brighten your day. I will miss you my friend.*

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**Brian Zimmerman** - June 25, 2017 at 03:47 PM