



## Duane Franklin Rahtz

May 21, 1944 - February 4, 2019

Duane Franklin Rahtz passed away at the age of 74 on February 4, 2019. He was born in Leigh, Nebraska in a farm house to Harold Reinold Rahtz and Mary Lopour Rahtz on May 21, 1944. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister JoAnn Rahtz Phillips Heller, and his son in law Christopher Jay Stephens. He is survived by his wife of 54 years Rona Lynn Schneider Rahtz, son and daughter in law Wade Duane and Amber Rahtz, daughter Becky Lynn Rahtz Stephens, grandsons Sterling Wade Rahtz (and wife Lindsay Rahtz), Kolten Hauss (and wife Michelle Hauss), Albert Duane Rahtz (and fiancé Allison Gibson), and Spencer Jay Stephens, great grandchildren Cayson Fears, Lennon Sterling Rahtz, Rahtz baby due in May 2019, Emma Hauss, brother Kenneth Harold Rahtz, and nephews and nieces Roy Phillips, Patricia Phillips Adams, Steve Phillips, and Jami Rahtz Aguire and their families.

He graduated from Fremont Senior High School in Fremont, Nebraska in 1962, joined the Navy Reserves, and attended Universal Trade School in Omaha Nebraska to hone skills related to auto body work. After marrying his High School sweetheart, they moved to Colorado and he began working and building skills as they built their family. He worked in heavy auto body equipment for Colorado Kenworth, as a body shop foreman for Peach State Ford, as a Real Estate Agent, as an Insurance Adjuster, and rounded out his career repairing tools for Home Depot Tool Rental. He was always able to fix things in some form or fashion around the house and worked amazing feats with cars, both mechanically and visually. He used these skills for hobby, extra income, and for bartering. He was quite artistic, sketching gear ratios and teaching grand children how to draw in perspective, dabbling in wood and metal work, jewelry, and macramé / crochet.

He was a supporter and member of the Masonic Liberty Lodge 150 in Denver Colorado. He was an avid fan of NASCAR, fishing, and the Waffle House, and took each one quite seriously. He always loved to drive around and see new things on the weekend, never needing a map and always remembering how to get there and back (as long as he was home in time to sleep in his own bed), all while enjoying a good Polka tune or talk radio. His admirable skills and talents will be carried on into the next generations.

The family has chosen cremation and there are no services planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Shriners Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at [www.wagesfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com) Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, LLC, "A Family Company", Snellville Chapel 770-979-3200 has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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