

## Larry Vlasin, 68

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CRETE — Larry Joe Vlasin, 68, of Crete died a peaceful death after a courageous battle with cancer on Friday, Feb. 12, 2016, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the United Church of Christ in Crete. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Crete.

Viewing will be two hours prior to services at the church. Kuncel Funeral Home in Crete is in charge of arrangements.

Larry was born on July 22, 1947, in Imperial to Joseph and Charlotte (Todd) Vlasin. While growing up in Madrid, Larry was an outstanding athlete and an avid participant in football, basketball, baseball and track and field. He was drafted by the Kansas City Athletics in the first ever Major League Baseball draft. His career in the minor leagues lasted six years, and he had the opportunity to play alongside several teammates who went on to become major league legends.

During the baseball off-season, he attended McCook Community College, where he met his wife, Carol (Bunnell) Vlasin, and they were married in 1967. In 1970 Larry chose to return to Nebraska. He graduated from Chadron State College and coached high school sports, first in Culbertson, then Cozad, Gordon and McCook. His passion was for teaching others and coaching young athletes.

He began working for New York Life in 1979. His family-centered nature and gift for serving people propelled his financial career as he focused on helping others build secure futures. He rose quickly to become one of the top agents in the company his first year. His love of sports and outgoing nature led him to a radio broadcasting career that spanned years. He worked alongside his good friend, Max Brodersen, and their sidekick, Rich Barnett. He enjoyed outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing and maintaining his vegetable garden. He loved his dogs, and all dogs loved him.



Mr. Vlasin

His proudest moment was when he was inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. He loved his family and enjoyed attending his grandchildren's school activities with his wife, Carol. He was so proud of every one of his children and grandchildren. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

Survivors include his wife, Carol of Crete; his daughters, Julie Kent and husband, Adam, of Crete; Deb Rohrich and husband, Curtis, of Wood River; Rebecca Soden and husband, Kris, of Boulder, Colo.; and Teri Potter and husband, Jake, of Denver; his son, Ryan Vlasin and wife, Jennifer, of Omaha; and his grandchildren, Spencer Rohrich (16), Koby Soden (16), Carter Kent (15), Sydney Rohrich (13), Jack Soden (9), Beau Rohrich (8), Kylie Potter (3) and Sam Vlasin (3). Also surviving are his siblings, Ron Vlasin and Connie McClenahan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Charlotte Vlasin.

Memorials are in care of the family for future designation.