

Adolph Dwain Mooney

Dwain Mooney was born at home in Sparks, Nebraska on February 2, 1939, to Adolph Bernard Mooney & Ella Agnes (Foster) Mooney. He came into the world weighing in at almost 15 lbs., the third eldest of 6 children.

Dwain was always an energetic child but according to him, he flunked Kindergarten because he couldn't skip. When entering High School, things looked up when he got into sports. He was an acclaimed football player for the Valentine Badgers and he also excelled in track. Dwain still holds the Mile record at the old High school in Valentine, Nebraska.

Also according to Dwain, he met the love of his life.... In the Bathtub. The real story, he met Rose Mae Whipple on a blind date in 1956. The two married on August 18, 1957 shortly after he graduated High school.

Dwain left in February of 1958 with "The Nebraska Beef State Company" (a group of Nebraska boy's headed to the military) and joined the Navy to serve as a Corpsman. Upon graduating Navy Basic Training, Dwain was stationed in San Diego, California, where he and Rose welcomed their first child, Penny. Shortly after Penny's arrival, Dwain was shipped off to Guam to be a medic for 18 months during the Korean war. Dwain exited the Military in 1961.

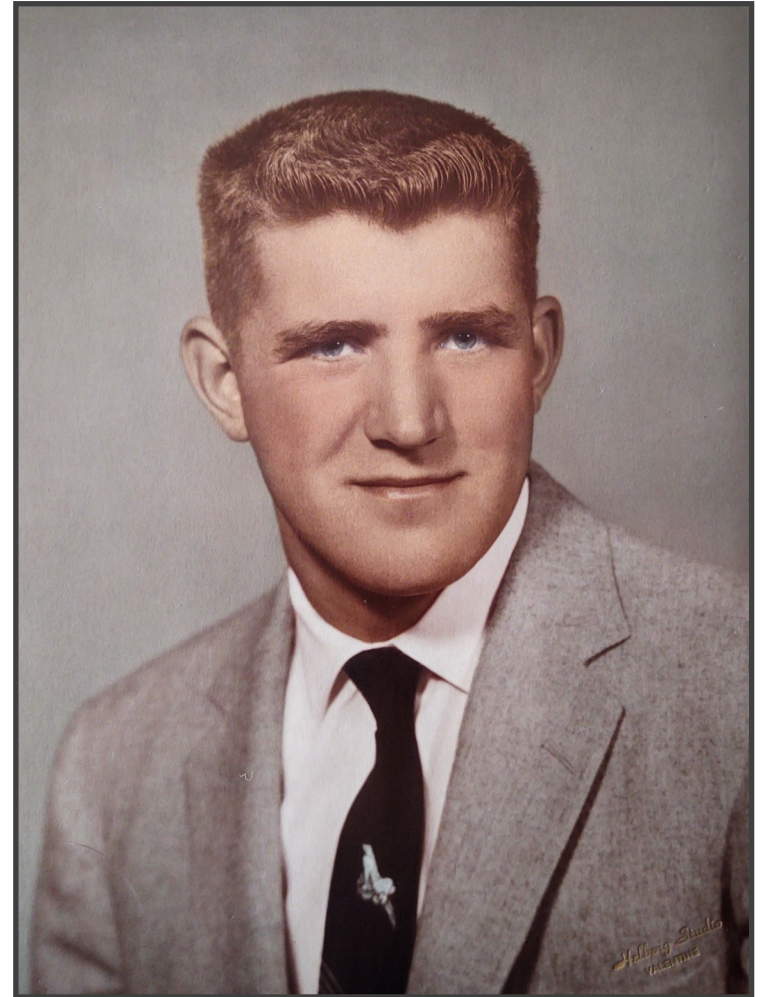
The family then returned to Nebraska, where they welcomed two more children, son Ken in 1961 and daughter Kim in 1966. The family was living in Gordon, Nebraska where Dwain managed the S and S Store before moving to Parmelee, South Dakota. Dwain and Rose owned & operated Mooney's Market and several other businesses and Dwain even served as the temporary Postmaster in Parmelee for a short while.

In 1980 they relocated to Kilgore, Nebraska where he owned a gas station and ran canoes on Dwain's beloved Niobrara River. Dwain and Rose adopted grandson Jerry in 1986 and spent their time going to school events and staying involved with their community.

Dwain held many positions in his life to include: Beach lifeguard, First Responder, Volunteer Fireman, Head of Security at the Rosebud Casino, Police Officer in Cherry County, and was known to be a limitless storyteller.

Dwain & Rose retired to Big Springs, Nebraska in 2012, where he spent his time completing Honey-Do lists for Rose until her passing in December of 2016.

Dwain was laid to rest in Mount Hope Cemetery on November 16, 2020. He is survived by Children: Penny Murphy of Big Springs, NE, Ken (Sandy) Mooney of Upton, WY, Kim (Steve) Osmera of Big Springs, Jerry (Breanna) Mooney of Julesburg, CO. Sisters: Carol (Tom) Kennedy of Callaway, NE and Paulette (Jerry) Waggle of Mountain Grove, MO. 10 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. As well as numerous extended family & friends.



In Loving Memory of

Dwain

In Celebration of the Life of

Adolph Dwain Mooney

Graveside Service

Monday - November 16, 2020 @ 2:00pm
Mount Hope Cemetery
Valentine, Nebraska

Officiant

The Rev. Bill Waln

Special Music

Heaven Was Needing A Hero – *Jo Dee Messina*
Daddy's Hands – *The Judds*

Pallbearers

Keith Waln ~ Tom Kennedy, Jr. ~ Bill Mooney
Brian Reese ~ Duke Waln ~ Michael Reese
Frank Whipple ~ Jeff Douville ~ Jamie Reese

Honorary Bearers - Grandsons

Chris Murphy ~ Kyle Mooney
Dakota Osmera ~ Logan Osmera ~ Myles Osmera

*He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.*

*His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.*

*He was there.... A firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.*

*A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we called Dad.*