



## Albert L. "Bert" Drake

January 21, 1941 - October 30, 2014

Albert L. "Bert" Drake, Sr  
Kearney Resident

Albert L. "Bert" Drake, Sr, 73 of Kearney died Thursday, October 30, 2014 at CHI - Good Samaritan in Kearney. A memorial service will be held 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the Merryman Performing Arts Center in Kearney. Interment will be at a later date. Visitation will be 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com) O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements

Albert LeRoy Drake was born January 21, 1941 in Scotia, Nebraska to Richard and Glenna (Fowler) Drake. He grew up in Omaha and moved to Kearney in 1971. On February 14, 1981, Bert married the love of his life Rosy King. He worked for Brandt construction and was the owner and operator of Bert's Construction Company before working for Central Contracting for 16 years. During his career with Central Contracting, he was often spotted at the very top of the construction site doing what was needed. He retired in 2006. Rosy and Bert traveled, enjoyed visiting relatives, but most of all they loved taking care of all the neighborhood cats. He was a member of the Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall. Bert loved his grandchildren and was a friend to

everyone he met.

Survivors include his wife, Rosy of Kearney; sons, Albert Drake, Jr of Alabama, Thomas Drake of Alabama, John Drake of Marquette, NE, Randy Drake of Omaha; daughter, Valari Drake of Carter Lake, IA; step-sons, Scott King and wife, Eileen of Kearney, Jon King of Kearney; daughters of their hearts Jacinta Townley and Shelly O'Mahony, 14 grandchildren and many great grandchildren; sisters, Carrie McGinnis and husband, Leland of Minden, Glenna Ebmeier of Grand Island, Deloris Ogg of Omaha; Sister in laws Kathy Feldman of Kearney and Johnetta Drake of Omaha, many special friends as well as many nieces and nephews. Albert was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Daniel and Richard Drake; daughter, Cheri Jenson and brother-in-law, Darrell Feldman.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Memorial Service

NOV 4. 2:30 PM (CT)

Merryman Performing Arts Center  
225 W. 22nd Street  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ *Albert L. "Bert" Drake*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Just wanted to say that i am very sorry to hear of your loss, Rosy, our thoughts and prayer are with you.  
lots of love from Ireland  
Sandrine (Shelly's pioneer partner in Shannon)*

**Sandrine Thorpe(ex bleton)** - November 06, 2014 at 08:33 AM



“ *Jeff & Candy Kreutzer lit a candle in memory of Albert L. "Bert" Drake*



**Jeff & Candy Kreutzer** - November 04, 2014 at 02:16 PM



“ *Granny Pearl lit a candle in memory of Albert L. "Bert" Drake*



**Granny Pearl** - November 02, 2014 at 05:24 PM

DS

“ *Dee Staab lit a candle in memory of Albert L. "Bert" Drake*



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**Dee Staab** - November 02, 2014 at 04:35 PM

BS

“ *We will miss you uncle Bert my memory of you is when you took me rafting down the Kearney canal and before I went back to Omaha I wanted grandma grandpa to buy me my own raft and so they did and when you used to let me drive on your lap and you told me not to tell mom and dad well I didn't until now don't worry I do the same thing myself with my kids resting peace uncle Bert until we meet again love you*

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**Brian Smithberg** - November 02, 2014 at 06:45 AM

BS

“ *We will miss you uncle Bert! My memory of you is when you took me rafting down the Kearney canel I had so much fun that I told my grandparents I wanted a raft of my own before they took me home so they got me one lol. Also you used to let me drive on your lap and told me not to tell my mom and dad, we'll I didn't until now, but don't worry I if the same with my kids now. Rip uncle Bert until we meet again.*

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**Brian Smithberg** - November 01, 2014 at 06:37 AM

SA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sally A - November 01, 2014 at 01:04 AM

SA

“ Even though Bert wasn't actually our uncle by blood we always considered him our uncle. Bert was loved by all of our family. He was a wonderful man and I will never forget him. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.



Sally A - November 01, 2014 at 12:55 AM

JB

“ Rosie,  
I'm so sorry to hear about Bert. You are in my thoughts and prayers...  
Janelle Bratty

Janelle Beatty - October 31, 2014 at 09:14 PM

CS

“ Cindy Sayer lit a candle in memory of Albert L. "Bert" Drake



Cindy Sayer - October 31, 2014 at 05:56 PM

PS

“ Paula Sikel lit a candle in memory of Albert L.  
"Bert" Drake



Paula Sikel - October 31, 2014 at 05:38 PM

SM

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see the like of him again.....

shelly o mahony - October 31, 2014 at 05:25 PM

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with them now... Will miss him till i see him giving rosy acbig hug in  
paradise and saying well hi Rosetta..... Tears

shelly o mahony - October 31, 2014 at 05:18 PM

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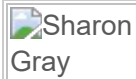
shelly o mahony - October 31, 2014 at 05:18 PM



“ Awe, Bert, what a great guy. Happy and loving. Amazing builder of whatever Rosie so desired, including castles, gazebo's and stained glass windows! A true Christian in every sense of the word, always willing to lend a hand. Quick witted and intelligent. A friend to all who knew him! Bert, we will miss you very much! With loving memories and prayers for Rosie and your family. The Roberts Clan - Don, Sheila, Ben, Sue, all 8 kids, Matt, Jamie and their 3, Andy, Victoria and little Pearl. We will never forget you!

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**Sheila Roberts** - October 31, 2014 at 04:09 PM



“ Sharon Gray lit a candle in memory of Albert L. "Bert" Drake



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**Sharon Gray** - October 31, 2014 at 01:03 PM



“ Words cannot express what a swell guy Uncle Albert was-I don't think I ever met a person who was always as happy as he was. Always my favorite!!  
The heavens have gained a special angel & his fond & loving memories will remain forever in our hearts. RIP Uncle Albert!

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**Adrienne Ogg Thompson** - October 31, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ *Adrienne Ogg Thompson lit a candle in memory of Albert L. "Bert" Drake*



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**Adrienne Ogg Thompson** - October 31, 2014 at 11:12 AM