



## Albert "Aub" Kendle III

January 28, 1944 - April 7, 2021

Albert "Aub" Kendle III, 77 of Kearney passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney with his family by his side. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Kearney First United Methodist Church with Pastor Alan Davis officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be held 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Friday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Kearney Goodfellows or to Kearney First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Aub was born on January 28, 1944, to Albert F Kendle, Jr. & Vivian (Erickson) Kendle in Bridgeport, CT. They moved to Kearney, NE, in 1948. During his youth, he spent many days playing in and around Downtown Kearney. Little did he know, the road to and from downtown would become well-traveled and well-known to him. He graduated from Kearney Sr. High School in 1962... and oh! what a class! He loved his friends and the bond formed in their youth grew stronger as the years passed. He was always ready to share a story about those good ol' days!

After high school, he worked part-time in the press room at Kearney Hub. Then in May of 1968, on a blind date, he met Phyllis Storm, who would quickly become the love of his life. They were engaged shortly thereafter in early December & married on June 27, 1970, in Yutan, NE... and here, their adventure began! They made their home in Kearney and Aub began working full-time for his parents at Hawthorne Jewelry. His dad taught him how to “work at the bench” where he could often be found sizing rings or setting stones. He took over the jewelry store from his parents & worked successfully for many years to finally retire completely in 2000. Even throughout his retirement, he always stayed actively interested and up-to-date with the happenings at the store & loved, more than anything, to say, “That’s not how I did that in my day!”

Aub loved spending time fishing on the lake. He loved trapshooting and everything to do with guns. The rumble of his motorcycle made him grin like a child & he enjoyed road trips whenever the opportunity arose. He was a fantastic storyteller and never knew a stranger.

Aub’s heart loved fully and completely. He worried endlessly for the benefit of his family & worked to provide them a home filled with love & support. He was quick with a smile and always eager to give without expectation or exception.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Kearney, a 50 year member of Rob Morris Lodge #46 and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Tehama Shrine. He was also a member of the Elks and a past-president of Rotary. He was also a past-president of the Nebraska-South Dakota Jewelers Association.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis (Storm) Kendle of Kearney; his children Erika Godfrey (Jamie Craig) of Grand Island & Steen Kendle of Kearney; his grandchildren Ella Godfrey & Kaitlan Godfrey; Vivian Kendle & Fritz Kendle; sister-in-law, Hermine Ellison Safford .

Aub was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law, James Ellison.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 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>

## Funeral Service

APR 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ Albert "Aub" Kendle III

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Aub was a good welcoming neighbor from the day we moved in. We had good conversations. He is proud of his children's work and carrying on the family business. He drove his John Deere mower in low gear proudly. May his memory be eternal.

Tim O'Dea - April 09, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ Jim and Deb Virgl and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Albert "Aub" Kendle III.



Jim and Deb Virgl and family - April 08, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ Phyllis and family. I am saddened to hear of Aub's passing. I remember coffee at the bakery and hunting. He was excellent at both. I also recall with great fondness, the times I spent with you folks as a guest in your home.  
May the Lord comfort you at this time.  
Steve Dvorak

Steve Dvorak - April 08, 2021 at 10:08 PM

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“ So so sorry to hear of Aub’s passing. Our prayers for comfort, peace, strength during this very difficult time.  
Aub was such a kind, caring, generous man.  
Always had a smile for everyone.  
Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Al and Sherone Fielder '*

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**Sherone Fielder** - April 08, 2021 at 09:45 PM

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“ Aub was a delight in Mr. Erickson's 12th grade civics class where I was privileged to be a student teacher. We formed a friendship then which remained steadfast and pleasant the rest of his all too short life. Ericika, we will remember him always and only regret that we are in Arizona and not able to participate in moments of remembrance. Tom and Mary York

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**J Thomas York** - April 08, 2021 at 07:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Albert "Aub" Kendle III.



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April 08, 2021 at 04:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert "Aub" Kendle III.*



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April 08, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Albert "Aub" Kendle III.*



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April 08, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Albert "Aub" Kendle III.*



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April 08, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Albert "Aub" Kendle III.*



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April 08, 2021 at 10:14 AM

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“ Frank & Cynthia Pleskac and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Albert "Aub" Kendle III.



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**Frank & Cynthia Pleskac and Family** - April 07, 2021 at 11:20 PM

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“ He has left me with many special memories. From his first airplane flight, flying to Wahoo so he could meet my sister- he was given keys to the Corvette to “give my sis a ride” to his life ride with our family. So many fun times, playing Risk, in their apartment, having the neighbors underneath, banging on their ceiling so we’d be quiet, to taking care of my girls when they were in college, our many road trips. God was good to allow our families to enjoy our lives together. God’s peace to Phyllis, Erika and girls, Steen and your children. He loved you so. You were his whole life.

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**Hermine** - April 07, 2021 at 11:17 PM

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“ Stub, Hermine and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Albert "Aub" Kendle III.



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**Stub, Hermine and family** - April 07, 2021 at 11:06 PM