



Carl Johnston

October 26, 1930 - April 1, 2013

Carl B. Johnston, 82 of Kearney died Monday, April 1, 2013 at Mt. Carmel Home in Kearney. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM, Friday at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. The Revs. Eric Leshner and Rebecca McDermott will officiate. Inurnment will be in the church columbarium. An additional memorial service will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha. The Rev. Dean Bard will officiate in Omaha. Memorials are suggested to the church or the UNK Athletic Department. On-line condolences may be submitted to osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements. He was born October 26, 1930 in Kearney to Carl and Theckla (Peters) Johnston. He grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School in 1948. On May 30, 1950 he married Mae Marie Johnston in Las Vegas, NV. Carl worked 17 years in Alaska for Peter Kiewit Co. as camp manager, baker for the state of Alaska in various places, including Fire Island in the Arctic Ocean. He came home to Nebraska and ran a carpet cleaning business in Bellevue for 33 years before moving to Omaha, where they managed DeFreese Manor (a retirement home) for 19 years. He retired in 2001 and they moved back to Kearney. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Kearney, Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha, and the Eagles Club. He was a devoted Husker fan and loved traveling to all 50 states. In 1965, he appeared on "I've Got a Secret". Survivors include his wife, Mae of Kearney; sons, Bernard (Sharon) of Apex, NC, Carl (Kim) of Oviedo, FL, Bill (Patty) of Centennial, CO

and John of Kearney; daughters, Susan Counsell of Augusta, GA and Sharon West (Jim) of Omaha; 13 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; brother-in-law, James B. Johnston, Jr. of Omaha, many nieces, nephews and cousins; and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; step father, William Sander; 1 brother; 5 sisters; 9 brothers-in-law; 7 sisters-in-law; a step brother and a step sister.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Johnston*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Mae and family, I am so sorry to hear of Carl's passing. He was so full of life and fun to be around. He meant a lot to my parents, Ron and Barb, and to our family. God bless you and give you strength and comfort. Love you, Linda*

Linda Huston Kanter - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM



“ *Thanks for your words Frank. When I was ging to Emerson Elementary I would bring Dad's letters to shool and using the latitude and longitude we would track the island on the big pull down map at the front of the classroom. At the end of the school year the map was taken to my new classroom for next year.*

Carl B Johnston III - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

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“ Very sorry to hear of Uncle Carl's passing. I remember his kindly face from way back when I was a kid and our family visited Grandma in Kearney in the summer. I remember Aunt Mae driving up in a big Hudson and so many cousins piling out of the car. I also remember that we used to get postcards when Carl was in the Artic and the cards would have a longitude and latitude on them as a return address because the ice shelf moved. I am Dorothy (Dottie) (Johnston) Engler's oldest son. Mom passed away August 24, 2009. Diana, my wife, and I live in Dayton, OH. I was pleased to talk with Uncle Carl and Aunt Mae last year a couple of times. Our condolences to the entire family. Amazing just how many grandchildren and great grandchildren there are now. Uncle Carl's legacy (and Aunt Mae's) will continue.

Frank R. Engler Jr. - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

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“ You're family is in my thoughts and prayers. I know how hard it is to lose a parent, no matter how old they are or how sick they are. But, it is a comforting feeling knowing Carl is having a wonderful reunion in heaven with relatives and friends, including my mom & dad.

Monie - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM