



Carl D. Rockefeller

January 25, 1936 - April 16, 2020

Carl Rockefeller, 84
Kearney resident

Carl Rockefeller, 84 of Kearney passed away April 16, 2020 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Private graveside services will be held at Kearney Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family encourages everyone to leave a message of condolence through the funeral home website at www.osrfh.com or send cards/memorials to the family care of O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, 4115 Ave N, Kearney, NE 68847.

Carl was born January 25, 1936 in rural Gibbon to John Charles and M. Caroline (Ruby) Rockefeller. After graduating from Gibbon High School in 1954, Carl joined the Army serving at White Sands, NM. On August 31, 1958, he married Shirley Ann Stevens in Kearney.

For nearly twenty years, Carl farmed and worked for a cattle feeder in the Fort Kearney area. Later, he started a second career at the Kearney Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center.

In retirement, Carl and Shirley loved to attend their grandchildren's activities. They also enjoyed camping at Harlan County, Johnson Lake or Rockport, TX

with their little dog Beary along for the ride. Carl was an avid fisherman having earned a Master Angler award, an enthusiastic auto racing fan and a skilled card player.

Carl is survived by his daughter, Debra Jo and Leigh of Tomball, TX; two sons, Steve of Kearney and Gary and Alinn of Grand Island; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Nelson of Kearney; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Carl was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; brothers, Bernard and Harold; and his daughter-in-law, Debra Ann.

Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Tackles Cancer and the Kearney First United Methodist Church. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl D. Rockefeller*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Carl and I were first cousins and close to the same age. We had lots of memories from the Lowell school and the family gatherings. We have kept in touch over the years and the last time we saw one another was about a year ago when I came to Kearney. Had a good visit and he actually let me hug him goodbye....that was a first! Talked on the phone recently and knew he was really depressed. He was close to my immediate Ruby family and took my Mom fishing. We met Carl and Shirley several winters in Texas at the snowbird places. Lots of memories!! I will miss him so much and his remarks!! He was one of a kind! Shirley (Ruby) Weed*

Shirley Weed - April 25, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ *Carl Dean was my cousin. I have fond memories of him from the Lowell days and family gatherings that we attended. He was quiet, polite and I thought handsome! He tolerated us pesky younger cousins with patience and kindness. I know he would have set a fine example for his children, and will be missed terribly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary Lee (Rose) & Dick Kunze*

Mary Lee Kunze - April 24, 2020 at 10:39 AM

LF

“ I met Carl and Beary through the Meals on Wheels Program and always looked forward to seeing them when we had their route. As it happened, I brought Carl's meal the day he lost his best friend, and we both cried, knowing the depth of his loss. A few weeks later, Carl told me that he would be getting a puppy, and was excited beyond words, looking forward to a new companion. I always appreciated Carl's kindness and concern for my safety when ice and snow were an issue. He was a really nice man, and I'm blessed to have known him. Lorraine Feind

Lorraine Feind - April 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM

RS

“ I was Carl's doctor for 20 years, plus or minus, during which we discovered Gaucher's disease. He was always matter of fact and usually challenged me, which I really enjoyed. I really miss him.

Ron Scott - April 20, 2020 at 08:34 PM

CH

“ So sorry to hear of your dad's passing . Keeping you in my prayers

Carol Bachkora Harris

Carol Harris - April 20, 2020 at 08:24 PM

MN

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Mike Nelson - April 20, 2020 at 10:37 AM

MG

“ My family and I would always enjoy a good visit with Carl when he would go for a walk by our house. My kids would love to pet his dog and show him all the things they love to do outside. My sympathy to the family. - the Grazier's

Mandy Grazier - April 18, 2020 at 01:56 PM

GB

“ I remember Carl not only as an avid fisherman but also one involved in model tractor pulls. Carl would put on earmuffs and tune the little engines until they would scream. Smoke would be flowing from the garage. My dad, who lived next door, loved to talk fishing with Carl. Dad was an avid fisherman too.

Gerald Baker - April 18, 2020 at 12:53 PM

AL

“ We enjoyed having coffee with Carl at Taco John's. He will be missed.

Albert & Janice Loeffelholz

ALBERT B LOEFFELHOLZ - April 18, 2020 at 10:30 AM

CZ

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I remember him and all of you from Franklin Ne when he worked at Co-Op. He and your Mom are together again! May God wrap you in his arms and give you peace and comfort. Sincerely, Carol Ziebell, Mitch, Toria and Stephanie

Carol D Ziebell - April 18, 2020 at 09:28 AM