

Chad R. Lester

October 20, 1978 - January 7, 2019

Chad Lester, 40
Kearney resident

Chad R. Lester, 40 of Kearney died Monday, January 7, 2019 at his home. A memorial service will be held 1:30 pm Friday, January 11, 2019 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with the Rev. Roger Wendt officiating. A private family interment will take place at Kearney Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Royal Family KIDS Camp – Kearney/North Platte. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Chad Ryan Lester was born October 20, 1978 in Kearney, NE to Clarence and Connie (Dodge) Lester. He attended elementary school in Kearney and graduated from Elm Creek High School in 1997.

Chad enjoyed many hours of hunting and fishing with his late grandfather, Neal Dodge. He also enjoyed trips with his family to Jamestown, ND, Carter Lake and Portland, OR, Fort Robinson, NE and Hilton Head, SC. He attended New Life Church.

The joy of his life was his daughter, Carina. They enjoyed fishing, hiking at Estes Park, setting up beautiful fish aquariums, playing cards and teaching her to drive.

Left to cherish his memory are his parents, Clarence and Connie Lester of Kearney; daughter, Carina of Elwood; sister and brother-in-law, Carina and Josh Bennison and nieces, Alexis and Ava of Helena, MT; grandmother, Darlyne Dodge of Kearney; grandmother, Harriett Lester of Council Bluffs, IA; aunts and uncles, Angelina and David Edge of Pewaukee, WI, Susan and Bob Wilcox of Little Falls, MN, Louis and Julie Lester of Fort Calhoun, NE, Cliff Lester of Council Bluffs, IA, as well as many cousins and friends.

Chad was preceded in death by his grandfather, Neal Dodge and Clarence Lester, Sr; and his aunt Lynda Dodge.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Chad R. Lester*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Very sorry to just hear about Chad today. He was always a great young man to talk with and always enjoyed playing basketball together. Loved him dearly. Prayers for your family at this time. This is hard news for me to hear. I know he was very loved by his family. Great young man. G. Holliday*

Geoff Holliday - January 18, 2019 at 08:01 PM



“ *Sending prayers to the family of Chad, you will be missed Chad!*
Kerry Smith

Kerry Smith - January 11, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *I have nothing but great memories of my little cousin. The days of playing in the corn field across from his house, and all the great times we had at Grandma and Grandpas farm. As a kid the best part of any family gathering was getting to see him. Always so full of energy and life. Just thinking about all the trouble we got into makes me smile. He will forever have special place in my heart.*

Chris Edge - January 10, 2019 at 04:07 PM

CF

“ Chris Edge & Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Chad R. Lester.



Chris Edge & Family - January 10, 2019 at 03:37 PM

CE

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Chris Edge - January 10, 2019 at 03:17 PM

MH

“ My relationship with Chad was professional. He was a very kind and considerate gentleman that always gave his best effort to secure steady employment; he valued and enjoyed working. He expressed his love for his daughter, Carina, many times as motivation to do his best as a role model for her. I am thankful to have known Chad.
-Marcia Haynes-

Marcia Haynes - January 10, 2019 at 09:17 AM

JG

“ Chad was a great friend over the years. You'd never find a guy more loyal. I am blessed to have spent so much time with him growing up.

Jeff Gove - January 09, 2019 at 11:18 PM

SA

“ Connie & Clarence, we are so heart broken to hear of Chad's passing. I'm sure Chad annoyed me and Carina when we were in high school but I always enjoyed having him around and his smiling face. He was such a good ping pong player and would beat me every time. I ran into him about a year ago at New Life and he spoke such encouraging words to me and what kind of friend I was to him. I'll never forget his kind words and his big hugs. Chad was like a brother since I practically lived at your house during high school. I loved him so much and have such great memories of him. We are praying for your family during this time. Love you all so much. Jeff & Shannon (Nichols) Anderson

Shannon Anderson - January 09, 2019 at 11:06 PM

CS

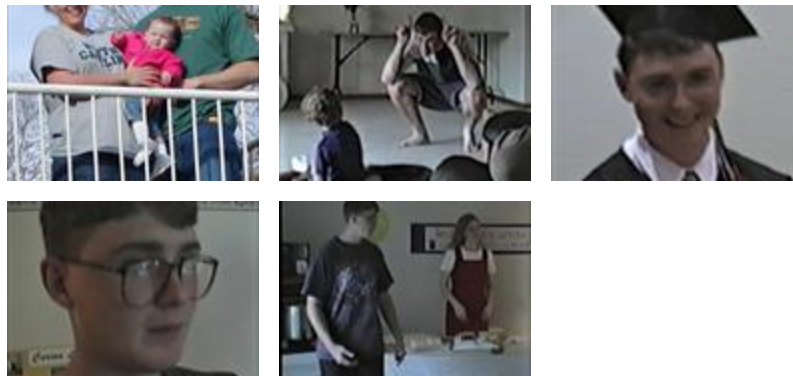
“ I was in Chads highschool graduating class. I had gotten to know him over our senior year. He always had a good thought to share, a bible thought of the day, or a quirky joke or comment that would make you smile.



Clayton Sullwold - January 09, 2019 at 10:13 PM

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Louis Lester - January 09, 2019 at 09:36 PM



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January 09, 2019 at 09:35 PM



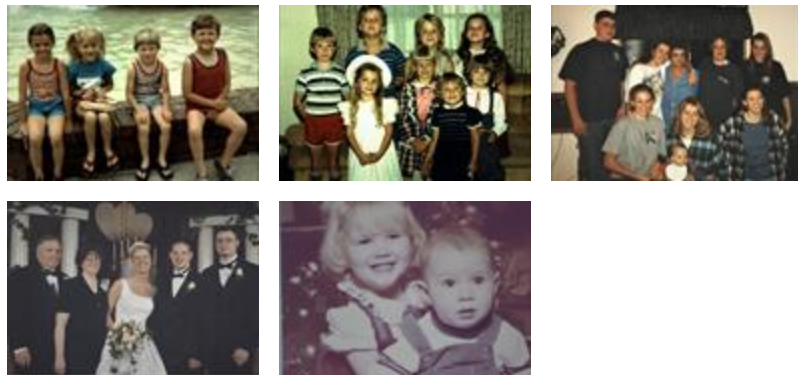
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Louis Lester - January 09, 2019 at 09:34 PM



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Louis Lester - January 09, 2019 at 09:32 PM

GS

“ *grandma lester cliff steffan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Chad R. Lester.*



grandma lester cliff steffan - January 09, 2019 at 08:52 PM

BJ

“ *Chad was a good man. I enjoyed having him in mens group at church. You will be missed.*

Bowde Johnson - January 09, 2019 at 08:41 PM

CJ

“ *I worked with Chad about 16 years ago. He was an amazing staff as well as an incredible person. Condolences to his family. He was a great man to work with*

Cathy Johnsen - January 09, 2019 at 07:19 PM

DK

“ *Connie and Clarence, Dave and I were so sorry to hear about Chad's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts. We are also sending prayers to you and your family.*

Deb Kemper - January 09, 2019 at 06:19 PM

JG

“ *I graduated with Chad. He was a great guy and could always make you laugh*

Jodi Richardson Gilbert - January 09, 2019 at 05:10 PM



My heart is breaking for you, Connie & Clarence. I remember Chad as a little tike. May the God of all comfort be your source.

Pat (Herrmann)Henry - January 09, 2019 at 10:57 PM