



Chris J. Jacobson

January 31, 1950 - May 19, 2024

Chris J. Jacobson, 74 of Kearney passed away Sunday, May 19, 2024 at his home. A celebration of life will be held 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Chris was born on January 31, 1950 in Saint Edward NE to Rodney E. and Ula M. (Jensen) Jacobson. He attended Columbus Highland Park grade school until second grade. He graduated from 8th grade from Platte County District 28 one room grade school. Growing up Chris raised chickens on the farm, enjoyed playing in the barns with his brother Dave. There were many long days of scooping manure and replacing fence posts. He had fond memories of riding horses to herd the cattle along the ditches. One particular memory was receiving saddles, so they no longer had to ride bareback. Chris and Dave spend many hours growing up riding tractors to rack hay and running chain saws to clean up the orchards. The family enjoyed grilling, swimming, and spending time at Wagners Lake. Chris and Dave spend many summers at their grandparent's farm helping. He was confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church in rural Saint Edward NE. In high school Chris enjoyed shop classes and playing sports, particularly wrestling. He was proud to be part of the beginning of the Columbus High wrestling program. He graduated from Columbus High School in 1968. After high school he attended Kearney State College. In college he was active in Beta Sigma Psi fraternity, football, wrestling, and an avid weightlifter. Chris graduated from Kearney State

College in 1973 with BA in Education. After college he enjoyed skydiving and working on stock cars for many years. Chris remained in Kearney, he ran a pool in Axtel and later worked at Anderson's Brothers Plumbing. Chris married Linda (Ondrak/Jacobson) Lethbridge, lived Northwest of Kearney, and had two children. His main focus turned to his family and keeping up the family homestead, raising: horse, goats, peacocks, guineas, ducks, pigeons, chickens, rabbits, dogs, cats, etc. He was excellent at turning foals into gentle giants. He was very involved in all his children's activities, showing horses, many sports events and lessons, and 4-H. He was a soccer coach for 10+ years, including Kearney Park & Recreation and a traveling team. Chris remained volunteering for 4-H for many years after his children had grown, for a total of over 37 years as a 4-H leader. He was heavily involved in the 4-H BB gun shooting sports. Throughout his life, Chris has donated many gallons of blood. He enjoyed tending to his rentals and knowing his tenants well. In later years he worked at Norm's Plumbing and enjoyed spending time with Connie (Benson) Love attending dance lessons, concerts, car shows, and many other activities. He enjoyed attending many auctions and had a great eye for a bargain. Chris enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed activities such as demolition derbies and parades. He enjoyed showing his Mach I in parades and on Cruise night. Chris will be remembered for his willingness to help others, directly or indirectly. He was heavily involved in volunteering in the community and shaping young lives. He could fix just about anything and was an outstanding cook.

Chris was preceded in death by his parents Rodney and Ula (Jensen) Jacobson of Columbus NE; sibling Leesa (Jacobson) (John) Rains of Columbus NE; nephew David C. Jacobson of Columbus NE.

Survived by children Travis Jacobson (Kim Anderson) of Loomis NE, Staci Jacobson (Blake Pritts) of Kearney NE; grandchildren Brett Jacobson and Aria Jacobson; siblings David 'Dave' (Betty) Jacobson of Platte Center NE, James

'Jim' (Sandra) Jacobson of Poulsbo WA; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Memorials are suggested to Buffalo County 4-H Shooting Club. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Miss you brother and your simple honesty.* ”

Glenn Fisher - July 17, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ *James and Sandra Jacobson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Chris J. Jacobson.* ”



James and Sandra Jacobson - June 01, 2024 at 05:38 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chris J. Jacobson.* ”



May 30, 2024 at 12:10 PM