



Clyde J. Mickelsen

May 20, 1937 - December 15, 2022

Clyde Mickelsen, 85 of Kearney passed away Thursday, December 15, 2022 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at New Life Church with Pastor Roger Wendt officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery with military honors provided by Kearney American Legion Post #52 and VFW Post #759 in conjunction with the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to Kingdom Builders care of New Life Church. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Clyde was born May 20, 1937 in Kearney, NE to Milton and Dorothy (Fox) Mickelsen, at the Johnson Hospital. He was baptized and confirmed at Grace United Brethren church of Kearney, which later became Faith United Methodist.

He was always involved in the church beginning at an early age.

He grew up on a farm northeast of Kearney, and as a young boy would watch the WW11 bombers fly over their farm. He attended Center grade school and

Kearney Public High School graduating in 1956 and attended Kearney State Teachers College. He joined the United States Air Force in 1957, he spent 4 years of regular service and 3 years of Unit Reserves at Kearney. He learned to fly while in the Air Force which became a life long career as well as a hobby.

Clyde was a Barbershopper for many years and was a member of the 1733 Barbershop chorus and also was in 2 barbershop quartets, The Shamrocks, and Habitat 4 Harmony.

In 1975 he married Joan E Thompson, and became a wonderful step dad to her daughter Angela.

In 1985 he and Joan E bought Andy's Air Service and Midway Aviation and merged them into Air Midway for the next 23 ½ years, retiring in 2008. In 2019 Clyde & Joan E were inducted into the Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame, for promoting aviation in Nebraska.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Joan E; step daughter, Angela Salestrom, (Tom); grandsons, Travis Schroder (Marissa), Tyson Schroder (April); step grandsons, Ben & Jack Salestrom; nephews, Dan Fulton (Pam), Jim Fulton, David Mickelsen; nieces, Dawn May,(Mel), Michelle Olmedo (Hector), Jane Rasmussen (Keith), Krista Mickelsen; sister-in-law, Rosie Mickelsen; as well as many great nieces, nephews; great grand children; and great great nieces and nephews.

Clyde was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ray; sister, Ruth Chism; niece, Julie Mickelsen; in laws, John & Mildred Fuller; sister-in-law, Gayle Molzahn; brother-in-law, Calvin Molzahn.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

DEC 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

New Life Church
2715 W. 39th St.
Kearney, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Clyde J. Mickelsen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *1 file added to the album photos and videos*



Betty - December 28, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ *Joan,*

We were so sorry to learn of Clyde's passing. It was always a joy to run into you and visit, whether it was at Walmart or the airport.

Clyde was one of the kindest people I have ever known and will certainly be missed, but always remembered by those of us lucky enough to meet him.

Keith and Mary Wagner - December 28, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *It was truly a joy to sing in the quartet with Clyde all these years. He will truly be missed.....until we join him in the eternal chorus. Kirby Wilson and family.*

Kirby Wilson - December 28, 2022 at 10:25 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Betty Scheetz - December 28, 2022 at 12:10 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clyde J. Mickelsen.



December 27, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clyde J. Mickelsen.



December 20, 2022 at 05:12 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clyde J. Mickelsen.



December 20, 2022 at 11:18 AM

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*“ To Joan and Family,
Our hearts are with you in the passing of
Clyde. Thank you for your service at Andy's
Air and Midway Aviation.
Mary Ellen Lantis and Family*



Mary Ellen Lantis - December 19, 2022 at 05:22 PM



*“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Clyde J. Mickelsen.*



December 18, 2022 at 08:04 PM



*“ Joan E - Just learned of Clyde's passing this morning. Our deepest
sympathies - treasure your memories. Keeping you in our thoughts
and prayers. Take care of yourself - Love you - Arleta & Oscar*

Arleta Bauch - December 18, 2022 at 02:51 PM

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*“ Joan Amber and I are so sorry for your loss. It was a joy to spend
the with you. May God with you and your family. Hugs for healing.
Barb Rasmussen*

Barb Rasmussen - December 16, 2022 at 08:55 PM

DW

“ *What a delight to have known Clyde. He was a Good Sam gym regular and always great to visit with. A good man who will be missed.*

Dallas Wymore - December 16, 2022 at 05:27 PM

JK

“ *Joan E and Angela, I am just so sorry for your loss of such an amazing man. I am always here for either of you! Love you so much Joan E...*

Jennifer Koch - December 16, 2022 at 12:04 PM