



## Dale Andersen

January 11, 1927 - April 16, 2013

Dale Andersen, 86, passed away at his home in Kearney on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, after a year and a half's illness. Memorial services will be at 11:00 A.M., Monday, April 22, 2013 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with the Reverend Gary Main officiating. Interment will be held in the Kearney Cemetery at a later time. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, Seneca Cemetery, or the First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Online condolences may be submitted to [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Dale was born in Seneca, Nebraska January 11, 1927, one of 15 children born to Ernest W. Andersen and Verna E. Yost Andersen. Dale learned many fine things from his dad, not the least of which was the value of hard work...a great deal of hard work. He attended grade school and high school in Seneca, where he met and fell in love with Anna Grace Rodewald...to be his forever "country girl." They were married in 1947, and his bride Grace and their two children, Myron and Patty DeFrance survive him. Early in his working career, Dale worked with his dad in his tank wagon business. He also worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad until 1949, when the advent of the diesel train engines reduced the round house gang. Dale next learned heavy equipment operation with Roberts Construction Co., out of Lincoln. With their new trailer house in tow, they were able to move with the company. Myron was born in 1950, and with the birth of Patty in 1952, the family was temporarily complete. They settled in Broken Bow, and Dale went to work for the Custer County Highway Department. He remained with Custer County, and retired as Shop

Foreman 40 years later. In 1958 Dale and Grace purchased a small grocery store in Broken Bow, which was largely staffed by Grace and his kids, with generous help from dad on weekends and evenings. Eventually the store was sold, and the Arrow Carwash was added to keep everyone busy. They were happy and proud when both children graduated from college in Kearney, and went on to successful careers and wonderful families, and expanded their family to include three grandchildren and six great grandsons. Dale and his wife retired in 1992, and enjoyed travelling, with their first adventure being to Alaska. With their enthusiasm for Nebraska winters waning, they wintered in Fredericksburg, Texas for 15 years. In 2002, they build a new home in Kearney to be near family. He was a proud member of the First United Methodist Church. Dale enjoyed a good life...a long and a very happy life before he was called home. He wanted his family and friends to be reminded of that. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his sisters Joyce, Mae McLaughlin, Verna Ellajean, and by his brothers Gerald, Don DeVern, Edwin, Jack, Larry Yost, and Dennis Yost. He is survived by his beloved Grace, son Myron, Ruth Gove, and daughter Patty DeFrance and her husband Jerry, grandchildren Chad Andersen and his wife Tracy, Stacy Andersen Bivona and her husband Blake, and Audra DeFrance Gilman and her husband Brian; and by great grandchildren Owen, Tripp and Tye Andersen, and Chase and Brandt Gilman, and Cash Bivona; and by sisters Char Taylor (Loren), Kay Wolfenden (Leroy), brothers Bill (June), Wes, and Jim; and by many wonderful cousins, nephews, nieces, friends and neighbors.

# Tribute Wall



“ Dale Andersen

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Dear Grace and family,  
What special friends you and Dale have been to our family - we are so blessed! We cherish our times spent around the table recalling Dale's and Dad's many mischievous adventures ... sawdust on the porch, Trick-or-Treating, the tax collector, and many more. Dale enjoyed life to the fullest, loved you with all his heart, and was prepared to spend Eternity with God. I have no doubt he will have more stories to tell us when we see him "on the other side"!  
You are all in our prayers,  
Doug and Marlene

Marlene Schipporeit Geiser - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM



“ Dear Grace and Family, Our hearts go out to hear of this sad news. Our beautiful memories of our good times and Dales humor will always be with us. What a wonderful friendship.

Jim and Joyce Ryan - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM



“ You are all in our prayers. God bless you in your time sorrow.

Angie Blagdon (Hardy) - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

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“ Grace & family, Much love and prayers to you all ... he was one of a kind - I always loved visiting with him and with you, Grace. God Bless Mary Lou (Hardy) & Jon Harding

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**Mary Lou & Jon Harding** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM