



Dale O. Eatherton

November 6, 1925 - March 23, 2020

Dale Eatherton, 94, of Gibbon died Monday, March 23, 2020 at his home in Gibbon. In consideration of the concern of the COVID-19 virus, and the related mandate issued by the Government, a private family graveside will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at the Kearney Cemetery. 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.

Memorials are suggested to AseraCare Hospice. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Dale was born November 6, 1925, in Hastings to Orren and Anna (Harden) Eatherton. He grew up in Shelton and attended rural school and graduated from Shelton High in 1943.

On February 17, 1946, he married Nadine Brandt. She died in 1975. He married Mary Ann (Finke) Bierman in 1977.

Dale worked at Chevrolet dealerships in Shelton, Wood River and Cozad. In 1964 he moved his family to Kearney to manage and eventually own the Mystery oil company. In 1976 he became employed by Eaton Corporation and

remained there until his retirement in 1986.

Dale was active in various organizations including the Shelton Fire Department, Shelton IOOF Lodge, Wood River Lions Club, Cozad Jaycees, Cozad and Kearney Elks Lodge and the Kearney Eagles Club. He also served on the KEE Credit Union Board of Directors, Upland Village Board, Upland Methodist Church Board of Trustees, and the Minden and Upland Methodist Church Staff Parish Committee. He was a longtime member of AA.

When he wasn't attending the stock races or enjoying time on the lake attempting to catch a big fish, he could most likely be found sitting on the couch putting together a puzzle or watching and cheering on the Royals or his beloved Huskers.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Mary Ann of Gibbon; daughters, Ranae Howard (Bob) of Kearney, Tami Anderson (Mick) of Kearney; daughters-in-law, Gilberta Eatherton of Gibbon and Sheri Eatherton of Kearney; son-in-law, Larry Dix of Lincoln; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Carl and Joni Finke of Kearney; step daughter, Kendra Olson (Pete) of Phoenix, Arizona; stepson, Rick Bierman (Sheri) of Marion, Iowa; 14 grandchildren; 5 step grandchildren; and 25 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Nadine; sons, Terry and Steve; and daughter Ronda Dix.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall



“ Dale O. Eatherton

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Hello Eatherton family, was sorry to hear of your dads passing, Great memories of when you owned the Mystery and my mom Audrey worked for you, You are in our thoughts and prayers Tooty Moffett Hallberg

M. Tooty Hallberg - March 26, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayer are with the Eatherton family.

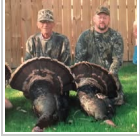
Keith and Teresa Kaiser

Keith Kaiser - March 25, 2020 at 05:05 PM



“ Our sincere condolences. Sending healing prayers. Kelly and Jan Sommer

Jan Sommet - March 25, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ I/m sad to hear of the passing of my dear friend Dale. I also thankful that he enjoyed life one day at a time, hopeful, joyous, and free for so many years. Mary Ann, I cannot thank you and Dale enough for your part in saving my life, I wish I could be there to visit and pay my respects in person.

God bless you all.....rest in peace Dale.
Lance J.

Lance Jelden - March 25, 2020 at 09:38 AM

JC

“ Uncle Dale was a very kind soul. God Bless his wonderful life and prayers for the family. Think of you often.

Jewelie (Brandt) Cook - March 24, 2020 at 07:31 PM

DC

“ Always enjoyed being around Dale he was always a joy and had a positive attitude. Glad to have known him and have him has a coworker. Sincere sympathies Diana Clausen

Diana Clausen - March 24, 2020 at 06:03 PM

DF

“ Mary Ann you and Dale both were very helpful when I came into the program. My prayers go out to you and your family.
Diane Farris

Diane Farris - March 24, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ Dale never knew a stranger. He was a wonderful man that I became quite acquainted with at Eaton. Always loved visiting with him. I know he will be missed by many. Many fond memories of him, and in later years loved seeing him and Mary Ann at church here in Gibbon.



Charlotte Ann - March 24, 2020 at 05:32 PM

JB

“ I always liked visiting Dale and Nadine. Nadine was like a sister to my mom...they were cousins. The best memory of Dale was stopping in to see him at Mystery Oil with Demps Clark when I helped him irrigate in summers. Dale always so nice to anyone he met. RIP Dale!

Janel Beveridge - March 24, 2020 at 11:42 AM

SD

“ I absolutely adored Dale. He was like a bonus grandpa. I remember growing up that anytime you saw Dale he always had the biggest smile and gave the best hugs. I feel very fortunate that I was able to know him throughout my life. I can only imagine the wonderful reunion that is going on in heaven right now.



shelby daly-Halbmaier - March 24, 2020 at 08:00 AM