



David "Muskie" Smuskiewicz

January 17, 1955 - December 26, 2021

David "Muskie" Smuskiewicz, 66 of Kearney passed away December 26, 2021 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. A Celebration of Life will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 31, 2021 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

David was born January 17, 1955 in Los Angeles, California to Stanley and Marie (Waddell) Smuskiewicz. He received his education from Republican Valley High School, graduating with the class of 1973. Dave later attended Central Community College in Hastings, NE where he earned his degree in Auto Body Repair. While working at Kinman's Chevy Cadillac, Dave met Kathrine Lammers. The couple was united in marriage on January 30, 1982 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Greeley, NE. Dave later owned and operated Muskie's Auto Repair in Kearney.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and gardening. Most of all he loved spending time with his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kathy Smuskiewicz of Kearney;

daughters, Laura Smuskiewicz of Lincoln, Stephanie Gifford of Omaha, Kaitlin (Dan) Greene of Kearney; grandchildren, Persephony, Violet, Frankie Jo, Bodhi, Wes and Finley; sister, Theresa "Char" (Dan) Shiers of McCook, NE; brother, Steven Smuskiewicz of Louisville, KY; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Bill (Cindy) Lammers of Grand Island, Mary (Paul) Hoepner of Bloomington, MN and Susie (John) Graff of Greeley, NE; as well as many nieces, nephews and many extended family and friends.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, LeRoy Smuskiewicz.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David "Muskie" Smuskiewicz*



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - December 31, 2021 at 02:06 PM



“ *David "Muskie" Smuskiewicz*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Knew Dave from high school, he was always a tease and a warm loving person, my sympathy to his entire family. Mary Berg-Bears*



Mary Berg-Bears - December 31, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ *[Memorial Trees](https://www.osrfh.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of David "Muskie" Smuskiewicz.*

December 30, 2021 at 04:22 PM

JG

“ I remember David's teen years when he enjoyed learning to drive every type of vehicle on the farm at an early age. I'm sure that was a lot more fun than when we worked with stubborn cattle, particularly the day he broke his arm trying to stop a heifer from going the wrong way. David liked to tease, but with a smile that always told you to not take it too seriously. I like remembering that smile. Cousin Jeri

Jeri (Waddell) Guthrie - December 30, 2021 at 10:30 AM

JL

“ Jeri Guthrie & fam, Erik, Jill, Luke purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David "Muskie" Smuskiewicz.



Jeri Guthrie & fam, Erik, Jill, Luke - December 30, 2021 at 10:07 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry Kathy. My sympathy

jenelle snow - December 29, 2021 at 06:22 PM

RW

“ Dave got to torment me as the almost little brother as I grew up. He was the only person whoever called me Butch, throughout his life, and I'm not sure he could call me by my given name (LOL). I stopped by his shop a lot while I was at UNK and he always had an Old Mud for me. Thanks for the memories Dave!

Rob Waddell - December 29, 2021 at 12:59 PM

RW

“ Robert W. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David "Muskie" Smuskiewicz.



Robert W. - December 29, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David "Muskie" Smuskiewicz.



December 28, 2021 at 11:36 PM



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December 28, 2021 at 09:07 PM



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December 28, 2021 at 05:55 PM

JC

“ Jerry, Meggan, Emma and Owen Clark purchased the *Delightful Dieffenbachia* for the family of David "Muskie" Smuskiewicz.



Jerry, Meggan, Emma and Owen Clark - December 28, 2021 at 03:43 PM

KF

“ Kevin & Kelsey Bogus Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of David "Muskie" Smuskiewicz.



Kevin & Kelsey Bogus Family - December 28, 2021 at 12:41 PM

KB

“ To Kathy and the girls and family,

You have our deepest sympathy and condolences for the loss of Dave.

Kevin & Kelsey Bogus and family.

Kevin Bogus - December 28, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ My heart goes out to all of the family <3

Kitty Betty Johnson - December 28, 2021 at 11:49 AM

KA

“ *Sorry to hear this. Played a lot of pool with him.*

kathy - December 28, 2021 at 11:40 AM