



David B. Wright

October 11, 1954 - May 4, 2022

David B. Wright, 67, of Kearney died Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at Wel-Life Assisted Living Center in Kearney with family and friends at his side. Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 12, 2022 at First Lutheran Church in Kearney with the Rev. Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman and Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson officiating. The service will also be live streamed through the church website at <https://firstlutherankearney.org/watch-live/>. Burial will be at Prairie Home Cemetery near Holdrege. Service attendees are asked to wear orange, the national color for COPD awareness. Visitation will be from 5-7pm Wednesday at the church.

David was born October 11, 1954 in Kearney, NE to Dale C. and Frances E. Steele-Wright. He attended Kearney Public Schools and was a 1973 graduate of Kearney High School. He married Lori. L. Driml on July 6, 1976. The marriage was later dissolved. He spent most of his career in the health field, caring for others. His last employment was with Mount Carmel where he served for 20 years and held a variety of positions. Last five years of working career was with O'Brien-Straatmann-Redinger funeral home as funeral assistant. David had a passion for collecting Tonka toys and refinishing antiques and collected antique car memorabilia. He also collected anything related to "A Christmas Story" and flamingos. David served as Chairman of the Advisory Council for South Central Nebraska Area Agency on Aging, as commissioner on the Kearney Housing Authority Board, as Chairman of the

Safety Committee at Mount Carmel, and was a member of the First Lutheran Church Altar Guild. Where he assisted with Holy Communion with his sister-in-law, Sue Wright.

To Shari, Kent, James, Jan, Terry, Barb, Mike, Kim, Sue, and Bert. Thank you all for your years of friendship, your love, care, and support. Miss me a little, but not for long. Go on with your life- laugh and BE STRONG. Don't dwell on my passing with sorrow and tears. BE HAPPY! We've had many wonderful years. We've hoped, we've dreamed, we've struggled and learned. We've found life worthwhile wherever we've turned. Our days have been full. We've savored so much- Good friends, shared JOYS and the family touch. So miss me awhile, but don't feel alone. A lifetime of caring cannot be undone. Be still and listen, your heart knows it's true: Though you can't feel my touch, I am always with you!

Survivors include his sister Barbara A. (Mike) Hodges of Lexington, NE, brother Kim D. (Sue) Wright of Kearney, NE, and Stephen D. (Colleen) Wright of San Jose, California, and sisters-in-law Ginger Wright-Barton (Duane) of Thornton, CO; Nancy Wright- Roy (Kenneth) of Dannebrog NE. Nieces and nephews: Garrett and Chelsea Wright of Thornton, CO; Victoria (Shannon) Mackey, Reid and Cole of Boelus, NE; Jennifer (Diego) Lo Prete, Malena and Lautaro of Midlothian, Virginia; Matthew (Nicole)Wright, Stephen and Olivia of San Jose, California; Shannon Lauby, Ryan And Deakon of Overton, NE; Heather (Corey) Delap, Gabrielle and Gracey of Lexington, NE; Natalie Fowler, Mayer and Mason of Colorado Springs, CO; Lindsey Wright of Kearney, NE; Tomi BeDan and Keanna Limes of Thornton, CO. Other in-laws: Kirk D. Mills of Lexington, NE; Greg and Lori Driml, Brad Driml all of Kearney, NE; Debra Janicek of Thorton, CO, Sylvia Wright of Grand Island, NE, and Kathy Secrist of Holyoke, CO. Preceded in death by both parents, and brothers Sanford D. Wright and Thomas A. Wright.

Memorials may be given 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.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Home Cemetery

2515 18th Avenue
Holdrege, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Ave G
Kearney, NE 68847

Memorial Service

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Ave G
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a David Wright Funeral Service in memory of David B. Wright



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - May 09, 2022 at 12:55 PM



“ *David B. Wright*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dave was a coworker of mine at Mount Carmel for 15 years. He was very capable of filling in for many roles at the nursing home. He was so welcoming and helpful to visitors that came. He took it upon himself help me in many ways especially to dog sit "Belle" my Shitsu as needed when she visited. Belle was crazy fond of Dave! Dave was a very special co-worker and friend. Nancy Wellensiek*

Nancy Wellensiek - May 11, 2022 at 09:47 PM

NH

“ Steve, Barb, and Kim

*I have so many wonderful memories of David. He was a true friend growing up together and later taking such wonderful care of my Mother at Mt Carmel, he made her last year of life more comfortable. He made such an effort to come find me a couple years ago (thank you to his Friend Shari)
My deepest condolences, and sympathy,
RIP David, Breath free now!*

Nancy (Carson) Harrington

Nancy Harrington - May 11, 2022 at 09:37 PM



RH

“ *I was so sorry to hear of David's passing. The thought that he is with Jesus now gives me comfort. We weren't really close but always tried to see him when in Kearney. So many are being lost and it breaks my heart! Love you always, David.*

One of your many cousins!

Rose

Rose L. Hasbrouck - May 11, 2022 at 05:20 PM

ML

“ *To the Wright family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
The Lantis family*



Mary Ellen Lantis - May 09, 2022 at 03:29 PM

JJ

“ *Rest in Peace*

J.F. Jorn - May 09, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David B. Wright.*



May 08, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ *David called me in January after Lori passed. He was very kind and I appreciated his caring. My sympathy to all of David's friends and family.*

J.C. Knapp - May 08, 2022 at 09:55 AM

LS

“ *I will miss him. David and I had our differences, but in the end we were friends. On my last day at Wellife he gave me a retirement gift.
Lana Soker*

Lana Soker - May 06, 2022 at 10:48 PM

PP

“ *When David worked at Mt Carmel he would go get my mom and the two of them would make apple pies. Mom couldn't remember much but David was a light for her to remember making pies. Thank you David. Rest in peace 🙏*

Peggy Porter - May 06, 2022 at 07:21 PM

DH

“ David will always be in our hearts! purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of David B. Wright.



David will always be in our hearts! - May 06, 2022 at 06:52 PM

AL

“ I worked with David at st johns and he was the best! He could always put a smile on a sad face! He was so onery and had the best sense of humor! Have thought of him over the years and remembered the laughs we shared! R.I.P. my friend!

Anita lemmert - May 06, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of David B. Wright.



May 06, 2022 at 03:37 PM

TA

“ David, your smile and laughter always lit up a room. May you now know the true meaning of peace. Eugene & Tammey Frick



Tammey - May 06, 2022 at 03:33 PM

DT

“ David was a great friend in junior and senior high. He made all of our little group laugh over and over. Sometimes at inappropriate times. The horror movies weren't as scary when David was with us. I'll never forget the time he scared Ginger Ginder and popcorn and soda went everywhere! Once the lady working in the basement at Kaufman's told him he was never to return because of his shenanigans. We went upstairs and he told us to meet him at the back stairs. Then he ran down the front stairs, ran around downstairs until he found her, tapped her on the shoulder and then ran up the back stairs.
David will be missed, but never forgotten. 💖

Deb Thacker - May 06, 2022 at 01:52 PM

"S

“ There is a place in my heart for you always. Our friendship is something so special and I thank God that He saw my need to have you in my life. My heart is shattered. You will be so missed. I love you, my friend.

"Your" Shari - May 06, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ David picked my mom up at the hospital when she moved to Mount Carmel. In her four years there, his attitude was uplifting, and he was willing to help work around a difficult patient. I always appreciated seeing him there.

Lisa Anderson - May 06, 2022 at 12:49 PM

KW

“ To my brother David, rest in peace. Carry on my wayward son.

love Kim

Kim D. Wright - May 06, 2022 at 12:03 PM



“ I was a coworker of Dave’s years ago at Bethphage Mission in Axtell at the time.
We worked together taking care of young boys. It was very hard work.
He was such an inspiration to me at that time. I still reference his name to my having the skills and care for what I do. He was truly gifted with being so much fun to work with.
So sorry to hear of his passing.
Jennie Ehlers Rodriguez

Jennie Rodriguez - May 06, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ I love you David. I'm sure I didn't tell you that enough. I am heartbroken. I will miss you every day for the rest of my life. If I didn't talk to you on the phone, it was a text, or a thought, or prayer. I can't believe I won't ever hear your contagious laugh again. I know you are with Jesus now and you are free of the struggle. All my love, Barbie.

Barb Wright Hodges - May 06, 2022 at 11:43 AM