



Delbert Leroy Bickford Sr.

January 21, 1953 - April 26, 2017

Delbert Bickford Sr., 64
Kearney resident

Delbert Leroy Bickford, Sr., 64 of Kearney, died Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at his home following a courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at the Kearney First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Alan Davis officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 pm Monday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

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

Delbert Leroy Bickford, Sr. was born January 21, 1953 in Kearney, Nebraska to Wilbur and Dolores (Ingram) Bickford. He attended Cozad High School and later earned his Plumber License. On March 10, 1979, he was united in marriage to Helen Rivera in Grand Island, NE. Delbert was head of maintenance at East Lawn Mobile Home Estates and had multiple side jobs every day of his life. He was a jack of all trades and loved challenges of his work. Delbert was always there to lend a helping hand whether it was fixing something or getting groceries for those in need.

He was an avid Husker and Kansas City Chiefs fan. Delbert enjoyed woodcarving and collecting everything from bells and marbles to lanterns and license plates.

Survivors include his wife Helen Bickford of Kearney; sons Josh Leroy Bickford and significant other Marie Stewart of Ashland, Delbert Leroy Bickford Jr. and wife Laura of Kearney, Keith Leroy Bickford and wife Terra of Kearney; grandchildren Trey Bickford, Austin Gann, Dillon, Dakota and Brody Bickford, Keierra Bickford and Zerrick Matuschka; brothers and sisters Ray (Barb) Bickford of Kearney, Tovey Srack of Kearney, Phyllis (Duane) Wilson of Cozad, Ricky Tatum of Kearney, Cheryl Long of Kearney, Linda (Donnie) Brown of Kearney, Gail (Bob) Axtell of Funk and Butch Krotz of Lexington. He was also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents Wilbur Bickford and Galen and Dolores Tatum; siblings Clara and Carol Krotz, Barb Bickford, Helen (Bill) Kinkaid and Gary Tatum.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 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

MAY 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Delbert Leroy Bickford Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *My first memory of Delbert was when I was ten. They were around a dozen boys older than me were ready to kick my butt. They had me block off in a corner. Then here came one friend of mine Mike Bodfield then with him were two other and one of them was Delbert. They all came up behind the other group and Delbert slap one on the back of the head and all he said Do you think that is a good idea. Well they back off and and know blood was spelled, specially mine. We became friends that day but my time in Kearney was over and I ended up back in Cozad and several years later Delbert move to Cozad. Delbert and I had a lot of good times and there is a lot I won't mention. Delbert ended up moving from his sisters in Cozad back to Kearney. We still stayed in touch over the year. One time I went to Kearney and two car loads of guy made me pull over and one ran up to the car and started pulling me out of my car. Then all sudden this voice calls out I know him. Well guess who Delbert so once again Delbert saved my butt as he pointed out a couple weeks ago lol. I wish I had gotten a chance to spend more time together but time moves on and we both had families but every time we seen one another the good time that we had were just like it happened yesterday. Before Delbert died he gave me something he had been saving for me. I will treasure it always and its on top of my fireplace and everytime I see it another great mermory come back. He wasn't my brother by blood but he was one in life. God speed my friend I know that our pass will cross again.*

UNTILL THEN STEVE

Steven Moore - May 02, 2017 at 06:12 PM

ER

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. May you find comfort in one another during this difficult time. Lords blessing for your famlly.

Love you guys.

Elia

Elia Rivera - May 01, 2017 at 10:20 PM

RB

“ *Helen, our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your loved one rest in peace. Linda Cash and family*

Renee Berumen - May 01, 2017 at 02:28 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delbert Leroy Bickford Sr..*



April 29, 2017 at 11:53 AM

LM

“ *We share your sorrow during this challenging time! May God be with you and bless you.*
Larry and Mar Musil

Larry Musil - April 29, 2017 at 07:22 AM

SB

“ I have so many memories of The Bickford Family that it would take a lifetime to tell. Love this family to the moon and back !! As you have been saying BICKFORD STRONG and together you can get through this Love the Peters Brown Families

SHARON BROWN - April 28, 2017 at 11:46 PM

RL

“ Helen and family.
Our deepest condolences for your loss. You are in our hearts and prayers. May God be with you and your family.
Roy and Dora

Roy Lawson - April 28, 2017 at 05:14 PM

VC

“ Valeria Munoz, Travis Davis and Sydney Crowell purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Delbert Leroy Bickford Sr..



Valeria Munoz, Travis Davis and Sydney Crowell - April 28, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to have read of my old friends passing, Delbert was a true friend of mine always had a big smile when we saw each other over the years. Del; rest now my friend and may Gods peace and love surround the family and many friends whos life Delbert touched over.



Miguel Patricko - April 28, 2017 at 04:06 PM

LN

“ *Helen and kids and extended family members. I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that God gives you peace during this difficult time. I was blessed to be able to see Delbert before his passing and feel privileged and grateful to God to have been there to pray with him. I will continue to lift you up in prayer during this difficult time. God bless you all.*

Love,
Lucy

Lucy Negrete - April 28, 2017 at 01:09 PM