



Dennis Lee Brass

March 14, 1938 - May 26, 2015

Dennis Brass, 77
Kearney resident

Dennis Lee Brass, 77, of Kearney died Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at his home surrounded by family. A celebration of life service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2015 at the Kearney First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive, with the Rev. Gary Main and Rev, Samm Johnston officiating. Memorials are suggested to Aseracare Hospice or the Kearney Area Humane Society. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dennis was born March 14, 1938, on the Brass Ranch west of Comstock, NE to Ellwyn and Esther (Metcalf) Brass. He attended Coberg Rural School, arriving many days on horseback. He graduated from Sargent High School in 1956 where he participated in football, basketball, FFA and was a member of the National Honor Society.

On August 8, 1959, he married Maxine Bartu at the Sargent United Methodist Church. After working for the Sargent Co-Op a short time, he began his dream of having his own land and cattle. He was the first in the Comstock area to raise Chianina cattle, many of them selected for 4-H calves and shown at Aksarben and the Denver Stock Show. Dennis' love for the land prompted him

to conserve it, maintain it and make improvements to enhance its productivity.

Dennis loved animals and was very compassionate in caring for them. He enjoyed spending long hours in the pasture, hand feeding cake to the cows and bulls, even scratching the backs of his favorites. In addition, he loved horses, cats, dogs, and a multitude of wild animals.

In 2007, Dennis and Maxine moved to Kearney, NE. In retirement he enjoyed following the stock market, taking care of the yard, playing cards, and spending time with family and friends.

Dennis is survived by Maxine, his wife of 55 years, his two daughters, Rhonda Wingo and her husband Marshall, Julie Young and Scott McElwee, and grandson, Riley Wingo, all of Austin, TX; sister, Betty Johnson of Lincoln; brother, Roy Brass of Alliance; brother-in-law, Bryce Bartu and his wife Phyllis of Grand Island, NE, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Verne.

Dennis was a humble man, never wanting to be in the limelight or inconvenience anyone but always working hard for a worthy cause.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Lee Brass*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Maxine, we are thinking of you and your family. It was a pleasure to know Denny. Today and always, may loving memories bring you peace.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Ken and Joyce Weyers
Phoenix, AZ*

Ken and Joyce Weyers - June 23, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Brass, Rhonda, Julie and family.*

I am so saddened by this tremendous loss to your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

With love and prayers,

Melissa Young

Melissa Young - May 29, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Brass.*



May 29, 2015 at 08:30 AM



“ *Maxine, Rhonda, Julie and Families: Our hearts go out to you. It's a very difficult time and we hope that you will find strength in one another. Love - Mike and Trudy Brass-Welch*

Trudy Brass-Welch - May 28, 2015 at 08:21 PM



“ *What a super nice guy and great friend! He will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune of knowing him!
May God's love surround you and your memories bring you peace in the days ahead.
You are in our thoughts and prayers! Larry and Shirley Young and family*

Larry & Shirley Young - May 28, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ *Gale and angie Marsh remember all the fun times at our little church in Comstock GOD BLESS all of you.*



Angie and Gale Marsh - May 28, 2015 at 04:33 PM

EK

“ Elaine K. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Dennis Lee Brass.



Elaine K. - May 28, 2015 at 03:07 PM

KK

“ Kris, Amy, Tanner & Austin Kremke purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Dennis Lee Brass.



Kris, Amy, Tanner & Austin Kremke - May 28, 2015 at 02:37 PM

KN

“ Kellye & AJ Nardi purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Dennis Lee Brass.



Kellye & AJ Nardi - May 28, 2015 at 01:50 PM

KL

“ I knew him as Denny and only met him in later years , but he was as fine a man , cattleman , and person as anyone could ask for. I look back fondly on cattle working and just visiting about cattle , husker football , and life. My condolences to Maxine and family. Kent Lewis

Kent Lewis - May 28, 2015 at 01:43 PM

SB

“ Denny was always such a congenial, kind man. I also think of him as a man who loved his cattle & other animals. Whenever you saw Denny, he was ready with a smile, and a concern for others. He will be dearly missed by his loving, beautiful wife & daughters, as well as the rest of his family and many, many friends! I know Denny had to a wonderful grandpa so he'll be missed by his grandson too! The world lost a man of integrity who touched numerous lives. With love & sympathy, Larry & Sonja Beitel

Sonja Beitel - May 28, 2015 at 12:56 PM

SB

“ Sandra B. purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Dennis Lee Brass.



Sandra B. - May 28, 2015 at 10:31 AM

PF

“ Lee and I will miss our coffee times at McDonalds with Dennis. He was a great guy, we will miss him!



Patty Freeman - May 28, 2015 at 07:20 AM

SB

“ *Sandra Bart lit a candle in memory of Dennis Lee Brass*



Sandra Bart - May 28, 2015 at 06:48 AM

SR

“ *Sheri Rickertsen lit a candle in memory of Dennis Lee Brass*



Sheri Rickertsen - May 27, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis Lee Brass.*



May 27, 2015 at 02:36 PM

 Mike McCann

“ *I met Denny about 6 years ago having coffee with his great friend, Larry Poland. We shared many laughs and stories about Custer County and the surrounding areas. Denny knew just about everyone. He lived life with dignity and left a legacy that will be hard for most of us to reach. I shall miss hearing him laugh at my corny jokes and his wealth of knowledge. Prayers to his family and friends from the Mike McCann family in Kearney.*

Mike McCann - May 27, 2015 at 01:55 PM

KT

I met Denny some thirty plus years ago and was impressed! He never changed.. a respectful gentleman with a kind heart! My condolences, Kathy (Dolton) Tierney

Kathy Dolton Tierney - May 29, 2015 at 11:54 AM

DB

“ *Dennis was very humble and always knew you. He was a good cattlemen and had one of the best cow herds you could find. My wife (Joyce) graduated from Sargent High School with him in 1956. She remembers all the good S.H.S. times of the class. I will miss seeing him and visiting with him. Dennis, you will be missed by everyone!!!! Dyle & Joyce (Catlett) Buckbee*

Dyle Buckbee - May 27, 2015 at 12:01 PM