



Dennis S. Wright, Sr

September 28, 1956 - December 25, 2015

Dennis Scott Wright, Sr., 59, of Kearney, died Friday, December 25, 2015 at Missouri Valley Community Hospital in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 am Thursday, December 31st at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Fr. Paul Colling will officiate. Burial will be at Elm Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 pm Wednesday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home with a Scripture Wake Service at 7:30 pm.

Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Dennis was born on September 28, 1956 in Kearney, Nebraska to George R. and Audrey (Swartwood) Wright. He grew up and received his education in Elm Creek and Kearney. Following high school, he worked for DC Lynch Shows and Harm's Drywall.

He was united in marriage to Bobbi Jo Capshaw and two children were born to this union, Dennis Jr. "Scott" and Brandy. On July 27, 1985 he was united in marriage to Patty Hagedorn at West Point, Nebraska. The couple had one daughter, Tonya.

Dennis and Patty made their home in Kearney where he worked for Jack Lederman and Company. After the business sold he worked for various companies as an over the road truck driver. He hauled livestock and freight to and from all 48 contiguous states. In 1998 he was awarded the Truck Driver of the Year Award from Omahaul. He retired from truck driving in 1999 due to health reasons and began working for Task Lighting.

Dennis enjoyed cooking making wine, canning, and was well known by many for his delicious sauerkraut. He liked working with his hands and tinkering with woodworking. He was an avid listener of KGFW, in particular "Breakfast Flakes" and "Talk of the Town". His family and friends will always remember his keen sense of humor and his knack of having a punch line for everything. Dennis was also a tremendous listener for anyone in need.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, the Visually Impaired Support Group and the Lyons Club.

Survivors include his wife, Patty of Kearney; a son, Scott Wright of Kearney; a daughter, Tonya Wright and fiancé Brian Wagner of Woodbine, IA; three grandchildren, Jenna Wright, Colten Wright and Jayden Jo Rose Wright; two step grandchildren, Brenden and Corey Wagner; three sisters, Bonneta Dresden and husband Jim of Wagner, SD, Sandra Krotz of Oklahoma and Brenda Gant and husband Richard of Mineola, TX; two brothers, Dee Allen "Pete" Wright, Sr. and wife Sharon of Plano, TX and Delwyn Wright and wife Katie of Pleasanton, Ne; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Brandy Ellestad; three grandchildren, Gavin Wright, Jayden Ellestad and Aaryn JoAnn Ellestad; a sister, Shirley Wooder; and two brothers, Terry Wright and Teddy Joe Wright.

Cemetery Details

Elm Creek Cemetery

5100 52nd Road
Elm Creek, NE 68836

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 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>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **31**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W. 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Vigil / Prayer Service

DEC 31. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis S. Wright, Sr*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Patty and Tonya - Wishing you the very best as you rebuild your life without Dennis.*

He was not afraid to be totally frank and "real" with the students of CCC Occupational Therapy Assistant class - they learned so much from visiting with Dennis, and we were very privileged that he was willing to give his time to them.

Dennis will not be forgotten - he taught me much and he will always be fondly remembered for his fierce independence, sense of humor and willingness to laugh!

*Take care!
char*

char - January 01, 2016 at 08:15 PM



“ *Sandra, Brenda, Bonneta and all of Dennis' family. Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Had lost touch with Dennis since we have grown up but remember the little cousin and young man. Your cousin, Eileen (Hasbrouck) and Gary Skiles*

Eileen R Skiles - December 31, 2015 at 05:19 PM

RT

“ Rodney Thompson lit a candle in memory of
Dennis S. Wright, Sr



Rodney Thompson - December 30, 2015 at 08:23 PM

DS

“ I have know Dennis for many years. Always a smile and always
making me laugh. Prayers for Patty, Tonya and family.

Dee Staab - December 30, 2015 at 03:44 PM

YF

“ YOUR 911 FAMILY purchased the Divine Peace
Bouquet for the family of Dennis S. Wright, Sr.



YOUR 911 FAMILY - December 30, 2015 at 11:00 AM

NA

“ Patty and Family, We send our sincere sympathy and prayers.
Wishing healing for you in the days to come. Prayers, Robert and
Nadine Hagedorn, West Point, NE

Nadine - December 30, 2015 at 06:40 AM

BW

“ From day 1 when I met Dennis I new we'd get along great, Both being big bullshitters and full of jokes. I look forwarded to Tonya joining are faimly.He raised her well, Dennis and I would always talk football and I always teased him about buying him a Hawkeye shirt and how Nebraska was building a new zoo, ya ! they were putting a fence around the whole state. Dennis do not worry about Tonya we'll take good care of her. I'm going to miss. rest in peace my freind.... And don't forget GOOO Hawks



Bob Wagner

Bob Wagner - December 30, 2015 at 06:22 AM

SS

“ I remember Dennis from grade school, Emerson - we lived not to far apart, I remember he would offer to help me deliver papers on my paper route. Many times we did that route and often had to climb on the roof to retrieve an errant throw at the porch. We only visited several times after that as I moved away, but Dennis had a very soft heart and even before I saw of his sad departure, I often thought about him and the friendship we had at an early stage of life.

My Condolences to the family.

Steve Sickler

steve sickler - December 29, 2015 at 07:49 PM

HA

“ Sorry to hear of Dennis passing away. Although it has been many years since he and I worked together at Lederman Co. I remember that he always looked out for the people he worked with and it was a pleasure to be around him.

Henry Angle - December 29, 2015 at 06:09 PM

SS

“ So sorry for your loss. I have a lot of memories with helping with Dennis when he was in the Hospital in Kearney and I was in Rehab. He was always determined to do it on his own so he could get out of there. I loved his sense of humor. Glad I got to know him. Prayers to you and your Family

Sharon Siegel

Sharon Siegel - December 29, 2015 at 04:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis S. Wright, Sr.



December 29, 2015 at 01:35 PM

KS

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to Patty and family at this difficult time. We are thinking of you!

Kerry and family

Kerry Smith - December 29, 2015 at 12:21 PM



WL

“ Wade & Theresa Lawson lit a candle in memory of Dennis S. Wright, Sr

Wade & Theresa Lawson - December 29, 2015 at 06:00 AM



BW

“ Bev Wagner lit a candle in memory of Dennis S. Wright, Sr

Bev Wagner - December 29, 2015 at 04:14 AM



BW

“ I had only known Dennis for a couple of years but what I knew of him he was a good guy. His sense of humor was something else could always make you chuckle even if you didn't quite get it. I know he was very proud of his daughter Tonya. Our prayers and love go out to his wife Patty, his daughter Tonya and the rest of is family..God bless you all.

Bev Wagner - December 29, 2015 at 04:13 AM

TO

Thank you Bev you raised a wonderful man that I know my dad very much approved of to spend the rest of my life with.

tonya - December 29, 2015 at 05:08 PM

VN

“ *Veronica Nelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Dennis S. Wright, Sr*



Veronica Nelson - December 29, 2015 at 02:57 AM

BB

“ *prayers and thoughts are with the family. would stop for a minute to visit or dropping off cookies and be there awhile!! love you Barb B*

Barb Bickford - December 29, 2015 at 01:14 AM

Jackie Fields

“ *Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Dennis S. Wright, Sr*



Jackie Fields - December 29, 2015 at 01:13 AM

Brenda Wright

“ *Brenda Wright lit a candle in memory of Dennis S. Wright, Sr*



Brenda Wright - December 28, 2015 at 05:36 PM



“ Dawn Dresden lit a candle in memory of
Dennis S. Wright, Sr



Dawn Dresden - December 28, 2015 at 07:20 AM

JS

“ Jason And Katie Schaub lit a candle in
memory of Dennis S. Wright, Sr



jason and katie schaub - December 28, 2015 at 05:03 AM

JS

so sorry to hear about your loss. Dennis was a good man and will be missed. He was always friendly to talk to and always had the best stories that made me laugh.

jason and katie schaub - December 28, 2015 at 05:08 AM

TO

Thank you Jason and Katie.

tonya - December 29, 2015 at 07:52 PM



“ my prayers to patti and the kids

Bonnie Dresden - December 26, 2015 at 03:03 PM



“ I am sending my deepest condolences to the family.

Dawn Dresden - December 26, 2015 at 02:47 PM