



Donald F. Dreyer

July 22, 1953 - April 22, 2024

Donald F. Dreyer, 70 of Kearney passed away Monday, April 22, 2024 at Mt. Carmel Home in Kearney. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at Kearney E-Free Church with Pastor John Fowler officiating. Interment will follow at the Kearney Cemetery.

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.

Don was born July 22, 1953 in Kearney, NE to William and Margery (Asher) Dreyer. He was raised in Alliance, NE and received his education from Alliance High School, graduating with the class of 1971. He then attended Kearney State College where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and also part of the ROTC program earning his honorable discharge in February of 1987 as a Captain in the Army National Guard. On April 4, 1981, Don was united in marriage to Diane Henrickson in Norfolk, NE. The couple made their home in Kearney and were blessed with two children, Sara and Joe.

Don was a 34 year employee of the Kearney Police Department. During that time, he proudly served as a Police Officer, Detective, Sergeant in Patrol, Investigations and Staff, and retired in 2013 as Captain of the Operations

Division. Don was a member of the Police Officers' Association of Nebraska serving as Vice President from 2006-2008 and President from 2008-2009. He also served on the Board of the RAFT house and was a liaison for KPD with the Kearney Public School system on children with special needs.

Don loved being outside and spending time with his family including his beloved dogs. He was an avid baseball fan, especially the Atlanta Braves. Don was a member of Kearney E-Free Church where he was active in bible study and volunteered as an Awana leader.

Don led a life of service marked by his unwavering dedication to his community, church and family. He lived with integrity in all that he did and above all else, Don's greatest honor was providing and caring for his wife and children.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Sara Dreyer of Houston, TX; son, William "Joe" Dreyer of Kearney; sisters, Nancy (Allen) Hammar of Minden and Cyndi (Rich) Simonovich of Cheyenne, WY; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Michael Henrickson of Lincoln and Duaine (Tina) Henrickson of Camano Island, WA; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Diane Dreyer.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kearney E-Free Church
4010 7th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
<http://www.kearneyefree.com>

Tribute Wall

KR

“ Sara and Joe and family,
So sorry for your loss, I enjoyed him being an Awana leader. He was a great mentor to my son Chris. Prayers for peace and comfort at this time.

Kimberly Rebman - May 01, 2024 at 04:32 PM

TA

“ Tate and AshLea Allberry purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donald F. Dreyer.



Tate and AshLea Allberry - April 30, 2024 at 08:32 AM

JM

“ I am sorry to hear of Don's death. I have fond memories of Don in high school. He was always friendly and nice. We frequently played hang man in school, just for fun. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Jane (Grothen) McConkey

Jane (Grothen) McConkey - April 28, 2024 at 05:13 PM

RH

“ Prayers for all of you. Don was always a great guy. Rhonda Case Hashman

Rhonda Hashman - April 26, 2024 at 05:26 PM

BJ

“ *Rest in peace Don. Always one of the good guys.*

*With respect,
Roberta Connery, classmate*

BJ - April 26, 2024 at 10:15 AM

SS

“ *RIP DIGGER*

steve Steinman - April 25, 2024 at 07:07 PM

CZ

“ *The AHS Class of 71 is honored to have had Don "Digger" as a classmate. He was one of about 4 Don's in our class....a great athlete runner and such a friendly guy. RIP Digger!*



Cindy & Don Zurn - April 25, 2024 at 06:49 PM

KB

“ *Praying for peace and comfort in the loss of your remarkable father. He is surely rejoicing now with the Jesus he loved and served!!!
Karen Brown AHS Classmate*

Karen Brown - April 25, 2024 at 06:48 PM