



## Eldon Schinkel

December 9, 1949 - March 30, 2015

Eldon Schinkel, 65  
Kearney resident

Eldon Schinkel, 65, of Kearney died Monday, March 30, 2015 at his rural home. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2015 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney with the Rev. Duane Duley officiating. Interment will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery with military honors provided by the Nebraska National Guard Honors Team in conjunction with the North Platte Honors Team. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sunday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. Memorials can be made to the family to be donated to a charity at a later date. Condolences may be share at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Arrangements by O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

He was born Dec. 9, 1949, in Sherman County to Edwin and Martha (Luebbe) Schinkel. Eldon attended grade school at District 19 and Rockville in Sherman County and was a 1968 graduate of Ravenna High School. Prior to enlisting in the Marine Corps in 1970, he attended Peru State College. After serving in the Marine Corp until 1973, he enlisted in Nebraska Air National Guard in 1981 and served his country, state and community until 2000 when he was discharged at the rank of MSGT (E7). During his 25 years of military service, he completed several deployments in the United States, Okinawa and several European countries

During his career, he was employed at Caldwell Manufacturing, Chesterman Coke Cola Distributing, Schwan's, Walmart and Menards in Kearney. He was currently employed at Mid-State Engineering and Testing in Kearney.

Eldon was a lifelong resident of Sherman and Buffalo County. As a youth he was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ravenna and a current member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. He was a good friend to many and would always help when he saw a friend in need.

Survivors include his brother, Paul Schinkel, and sisters, Elnida Chandler and her husband Dale of Pleasanton, Karen Krajnik and her husband, Gil, of Malcolm and Janis Keller of Martinsburg; nephews, Chris Chandler of Kearney, Neal Chandler and his wife, Lauri, of Pleasanton, Todd Chandler of the U. S. Air Force, stationed in Florida, Nick Krajnik and his wife, Vicki, of Raymond, Garrett Schinkel of Kearney, and John Keller and Joshua Keller of Martinsburg ; nieces, Julie Strate and her husband, Caleb, of Lincoln, Kelly Grotzinger and her husband, Todd, of Lincoln; Ivy Lux and her husband Tony, of Kearney, Celia Schinkel of Lincoln, and Raine Schinkel of Denison, Texas, Haley Keller of Lincoln, his aunt, Jeanette Carstens, of Ravenna and eleven grand nieces and nephews and many cousins. Eldon also had many special friendships including Melinda King and her family. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law, Scott Keller.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 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

APR 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
3315 11th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845

## Graveside Service

APR 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fort McPherson National Cemetery  
12004 State Highway 56A Spur  
Maxwell, NE  
(308) 582-4433

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eldon Schinkel*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



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**erika** - April 07, 2015 at 09:19 PM



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**erika bellinder** - April 06, 2015 at 08:46 PM



“ *I'll always remember that he was a good friend of brother Bob Stittle. The basketball games that were held in the hay mow in my folks barn it was a wonder that there were any floor boards left. The class of "68" was a very close class. Offering our condolences to the family, he will be missed. Vic & Carol (Stittle)Kugler, Red Cloud, NE*

**Carol Kugler** - April 04, 2015 at 05:00 PM

VR

“ Eldon was a kind soul and a quality man. I knew him years ago.  
Sympathies to the family.

Vonn Roberts  
Lincoln

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Vonn Roberts - April 04, 2015 at 02:42 PM

TK

“ So sorry to hear about Eldon. He was a very good friend of my  
husband and I. He will be missed  
Teresa Krejci

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Teresa Krejci - April 03, 2015 at 01:54 PM

MR

“ Eldon will be very missed he always had a  
smile for everyone.



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mary royle - April 02, 2015 at 03:56 PM

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Erika King - April 02, 2015 at 11:48 AM

MK

“ Eldon like to talk about the bible especial in Rev. of the ending days. He was a really spiritual man. Melinda King



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**melinda king** - April 02, 2015 at 11:40 AM

CA

“ Eldon was a coworker of my husband, Jerry, at Mid State Engineering & Testing. Jerry said he was the nicest guy in the office and he will be missed. May God keep him safe in His arms now. Jerry & Carrie Stithem

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**Carrie** - April 02, 2015 at 10:07 AM

EK

“ Erika King sent a virtual gift in memory of Eldon Schinkel



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**Erika King** - April 02, 2015 at 08:32 AM

RU

“ I was very shocked to hear about our classmate, Eldon, and his passing and I am very sorry.

*In the time I knew Eldon (and it was too short) I never knew him to be hurtful to anyone. He always had that smile and twinkle in his eye!*

*Ron Urwiller, Ravenna*

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**Ronald Urwiller** - April 02, 2015 at 08:24 AM

DR

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Eldon!! He had a kind heart and always wore a cheerful smile. We will miss him at our class reunions!

*Now he is reunited with your Mom and Dad!*

*In His love,  
Doris Russell*

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**doris russell** - April 01, 2015 at 03:07 PM

TK

*Sorry to hear about Eldon he was a very good friend of my husband Delbert. He will be able to have good times with Delbert now.*

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**Teresa Krejci** - April 01, 2015 at 09:47 PM