



## Eldon "Zeke" E. Chamberlin

November 2, 1921 - February 24, 2016

Eldon E. "Zeke" Chamberlin, 94, of Kearney, died Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at Good Samaritan Society St. John's.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 am Monday, February 29th at First United Methodist Church. Reverend Gary Main will officiate. There will be no visitation. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is serving the family. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Endowment Fund or the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Eldon Eugene Chamberlin was born on November 2, 1921 in Blue Springs, Nebraska to Warren E. and Estella (Rainey) Chamberlin. The family moved to Beatrice where he graduated from Beatrice High School. He attended Nebraska Wesleyan and later entered Officer Training School at Columbia. On June 20, 1943 he entered the United States Navy. He was honorably discharged on February 25, 1946.

He was united in marriage to Phyllis Jones on October 23, 1943 in Wymore, Nebraska. The couple made their home in Beatrice where he worked for Beatrice Concrete. In 1956 they moved to Kearney where he started Kearney Concrete on Avenue C. He owned and operated the business until retiring in

1983. Phyllis preceded him in death on September 18, 2006.

Zeke was a member of First United Methodist Church, Tehama Shrine, the Masons, Jesters and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His hobbies included tools and woodworking.

He is survived by two daughters, Jeanne Chamberlin of Kearney and Ann Campbell and her husband Doug of Lincoln; three grandchildren, David Campbell and his wife Suzanne of Overland Park, KS, Amy Williams and her husband Austin of Lincoln and John Campbell of Lincoln; and six great grandchildren, Maren Campbell, Emery Williams, Savannah Campbell, Jack Williams, Matchi Williams and Thabi Campbell.

Zeke was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a sister, Dorothy Savener.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eldon "Zeke" E. Chamberlin*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *My condolences go out to Ann Campbell and her family! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time! May God Bless!*

*Joann Tumbleson*

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**Joann Tumbleson** - March 01, 2016 at 07:55 AM



“ *My prayers to the Zeke's Family. Many years ago I worked at Kearney Concrete. It was after he had retired, but he stopped to see us frequently. On very busy days he would bring the makings for sandwiches and have them ready for us when we came back to load. I received a minor injury and Zeke ran me to the hospital in his Blazer. Made sure i had proper care and even paid the bill before we left. He took very good care of us. I have many stories and even in the years after I always was happy to see and visit with Zeke. He was a man we should all try to be more like. Rest In Peace Zeke!!*

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**Greg Olson** - February 29, 2016 at 06:22 PM

JC

“ *Ann, my condolences to you and to your family for your loss. I remember your Dad arranging for a cement delivery to the storm sewer Terry and I worked on in 1973. He had nice things to say to the foreman about us. Not sure the foreman totally believed him but we appreciated his words. It was a nice thing to do.*

*With Sympathy,*

*Jerry Cummings*

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**Jerry Cummings** - February 27, 2016 at 01:10 PM

JB

“ *Jeanie, you did a wonderful job of looking after a really wonderful guy. I'm sorry that I can't make it to the funeral but my thoughts and prayers are with you. John Bancroft*

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**John Bancroft** - February 27, 2016 at 09:47 AM

DC

“ *Zeke and my father, Ray Hensley, were contemporaries in the construction business in the area. They were friends, as well. I had the privilege and great fun of being baby sitter to Jeanne and Ann when they were young children. I am thankful for the memories I have of the Chamberlains and others in Kearney who made up a great community! My condolences to you, girls, and to your families. Our fathers' memories will encourage us until we, too, must leave this earth.*

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**Daneen Campbell** - February 26, 2016 at 12:41 PM