



Elwood "Lynn" DeLaet

July 1, 1930 - January 25, 2023

Elwood Lynn DeLaet (Lynn), 92 of Kearney Nebraska, formally of Lexington Nebraska, passed away on January 25th, 2023 at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home in Kearney. Services will be held at 10:30 AM Monday, January 30th, 2023, at the Central Nebraska Veterans Home. Burial will be at Riverdale Cemetery with Military Honors. Visitation will be held at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Sunday January 29th with family present.

Lynn was born July 1st, 1930, on the farm northeast of Riverdale Nebraska to Henry C. and Mattie (Leslie) DeLaet. He grew up in the Riverdale and Kearney area. Lynn attended Buffalo County grade schools and then Kearney High School where he graduated in 1949.

He was united in marriage to Anna Marie (Oliver), March 16, 1952, at the Bethel EUB Church, northwest of Gibbon.

Lynn was drafted into the United States Army in 1955 at the age of 25. While in the service he was stationed in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Germany. He received an honorable discharge in 1957.

Lynn spent most of his career in sales, management, and purchasing at Precision Bearing, Rocky Mountain Bearing and Orthman Manufacturing. He was active in Lexington Jaycees and Lexington Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Elks, Eagles and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was very active in the church he loved for 44 years. He served as a Trustee, Elder, Sunday School Teacher, Usher and served on many committees for the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington.

Lynn enjoyed camping, playing cards, gardening and working in the garage. One of his favorite hobbies was to restore red Radio Flyer wagons. He gifted over 35 wagons to his grandchildren and family friends. He was a collector of many things, he had over 250 rubber tire ashtrays and over 100 John Deer toy tractors.

Survivors include his wife Anna , and children Doyle (Roxann) DeLaet of Shelton Nebraska, Deb (Brad) Slocum of Gretna Nebraska, Pam (Sam) Tingelhoff of Lexington Nebraska, and Lynna (David) Wilke of The Villages Florida, 8 Grandchildren and 4 Great Grandchildren. Lynn was also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Lynn was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers David, Henry, Robert and sisters Inez and Alice.

Memorials are suggested In lieu of flowers to AseraCare Hospice, and the Peterson Senior Center in Kearney. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

JAN **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Central Nebraska Veteran's Home
4510 E. 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

LN

“ *My favorite uncle! What a special man. My sincere sympathies to my aunt and cousins. Linda N*

Linda DeLaet Nye - January 30, 2023 at 08:02 PM

JM

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to Lynn's family. We have fond memories of our years together at First Presbyterian and seeing Lynn enjoying his grandchildren's activities in Lexington. Praying for God's comfort and peace. Dennis and Jean McGee, Omaha*

Jean McGee - January 30, 2023 at 04:59 PM

DB

“ *Sending prayers and our heartfelt sympathy to the DeLaet family. Don & Marie Black Family*

Donald Black - January 28, 2023 at 09:57 PM

CD

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I am so sorry for your loss of Lynn. Many memories when Doug Pfeiffer worked for Precision Bearing and Rocky Mountain Bearing with him. Lynn was a good, fun, and very caring man. I'm sure he will be having talks with Doug again now. May he rest in peace.*



Connie (Pfeiffer) Dorsey - January 28, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Elwood "Lynn" DeLaet*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM

SM

“ *Condolences go out to Anna and family for the loss of their loved one. Lynn was a gentle soul and will be remembered. The Bonneville Chapter of DAR will always remember his and Anna's generosity and graciousness.*

Sandy J Mittelstaedt - January 27, 2023 at 04:19 PM

GF

“ *Greg, Doug, Brian and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elwood "Lynn" DeLaet.*



Greg, Doug, Brian and families - January 27, 2023 at 03:39 PM

JZ

“ Lynn is by far one of the people I have met throughout my career that changed me. I often found myself getting homes bit later than planned because I spent extra time with he and Anna chatting and getting to know them. I would do it all over again if I could.

My favorite memory was when I told him I had that same “Brown Monkey”, one he had on his bed that he got while in the Army. He looked at me quizzically wondering how on earth I had that same stuffed animal. My grandfather was in the Army as well and I got that monkey when I was so young I don't remember it. If you know the monkey I am referencing you know it did not come from a local department store.

That day is vivid in my memory because that was when we discovered they also lived near my Aunt and Uncle in Riverdale, that day Lynn and Anna took residence in a special place in my heart. People cross your path at just the right time and remind you to be human. To connect with people and not just perform the tasks of your job. That is the gift Lynn gave to me and he didn't even know it. I am forever grateful.

Jacque Zikmund

Jacqueline Zikmund - January 27, 2023 at 12:17 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elwood "Lynn" DeLaet.



January 26, 2023 at 09:38 PM



“ *The JRF Ortho Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elwood "Lynn" DeLaet.*



The JRF Ortho Team - January 26, 2023 at 04:26 PM