



Eric E. Petersen

July 16, 1981 - June 13, 2024

Eric Edward Petersen, 42 of Kearney passed away unexpectedly on June 13th, 2024 at his home. A celebration of life will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 3rd, 2024 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. The family requests casual attire.

Eric was born in Kearney on July 16th, 1981 to Dennis and Flora (Walker) Petersen. He graduated from Kearney High School, class of 2000. Eric was a gifted athlete and he excelled in every sport he tried, including, LL Baseball, soccer, basketball, swimming, diving, golf and football.

True to his way of life in wanting to help others, as a teenager he endured the grueling Red Cross Lifeguard Course and became a certified lifeguard and worked several summers at Harmon Park Pool. Over his lifetime he used these skills to save several lives.

Eric attended Southeast Community College in Lincoln, UNL, and Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs.

He spent many years living and working in Colorado. While living in the Fort Collins area, he worked designing and building customized power chairs for

the disabled. While living in Steamboat Springs, he worked at designing and installing security systems. While living in Kearney he worked several years for Deterdings, Century Lumber and The Lockmobile.

Eric could be a little mischievous and sometimes a little goofy, as his friends (of which he had many) and family would all agree. He loved watching funny movies and could recite the lines from many of them.

He loved fishing, camping, whitewater rafting, yard games, being and doing things outdoors and of course he loved the Huskers (regardless of the outcome).

Eric was a good man who loved the Lord, his family, his girlfriend and her son, of whom he was a great father figure, his girlfriend's family, his friends and his pets.

He will be greatly missed by all who were close to him.

He is survived by his parents of Kearney, his sister Heather (Petersen) Welk and husband, Nathan, nieces Abigail Welk and Katie Welk of Kansas, his Grandpa Robert Petersen of Texas, his loving girlfriend Jennifer Clevenger and her son Jameson of Kearney and many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and pets.

He was preceded in death by his Grandma and Grandpa German of North Platte and Grandma Betty Petersen of Texas. Cousins, Christopher Petersen, Vicky Drew and Otto Lewis. Aunts, Connie Petersen, Twila Kirbey and Alice Asbell. Uncles, Charles Kirbey and Elbert B Walker Jr-KIA US Army.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ Eric and I were friends for 15 years, and he always knew how to make me smile. His laugh was just infectious. He always appreciated the good in others and taught me a lot about life. I miss him very much.

Mariah - August 30, 2024 at 11:24 PM

SB

“ Worked with Eric at Deterding's. Eric was a joy to work with and to be around. Eric was always smiling and laughing, and made work feel less like work.
Kept in touch with Eric over the years since leaving Deterding's, and I am deeply saddened by his passing, and many sympathies for your loss.

Scott Baker

Scott Baker - August 03, 2024 at 08:43 AM

WF

“ Welk & Family's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eric E. Petersen.



Welk & Family's - July 23, 2024 at 02:48 PM

LI

“ We became friends from lifeguarding. You were my cheerleader swimming laps. And taught me how to dive! And do flips! We have remained lifelong friends.

Lish - June 19, 2024 at 04:18 PM

DP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dennis Petersen - June 18, 2024 at 06:34 PM

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Dennis Petersen - June 17, 2024 at 02:03 AM

AF

“ You were a cool dude. The girl group will miss ur cool demeanor. Prayers sent to family and Jenny

Abbi Fielder - June 16, 2024 at 02:32 PM

CG

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. 🙏😭 Haven't seen Eric in years, but he was one of the nicest people I knew. Was so welcoming and friendly when I moved to Kearney my sophomore year of high school. Fly high and share that smile and genuineness with those in heaven Eric!!



Christina Griffin - June 15, 2024 at 09:32 PM