



## Ervin D. Madison

November 30, 1933 - December 10, 2021

Ervin D. Madison, 88 of Kearney passed away Friday, December 10, 2021 at his home. Memorial services will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 16, 2021 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Inurnment will follow at Kearney Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Nebraska National Guard Funeral Honors Team. The family will receive friends 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Ervin was born in Geneva on November 30, 1933 to George and Ida (Ebbeka) Madison. He grew up in the Hordville-Central City area, graduating from the Central City High School in 1952. Ervin joined the Army in 1954 and after basic training in Fort Bliss, TX, was stationed in Chicago, IL at the Navy Pier.

Ervin and Aleda Marie Dester were married on August 14, 1955 in Grand Island. She joined him in Chicago where they were introduced to apartment living as were several other couples from New York, Kansas, Oregon, and Nebraska. Their first son was born at the Great Lakes Naval Hospital. Soon after Ervin received his honorable discharge and they moved to Oklahoma where he was in the truck stop business for two years. Moving back to

Nebraska, he operated a Frontier station and then the White Spot Truck Stop for several years. He was then employed with the Josten-Wilbert Vault Co. as manager, retiring after 30 years.

Ervin, along with several friends, enjoyed being in the stock car circuit, taking cars out on weekends and then working on them all week. He enjoyed Bingo and the many trips to Vegas with friends. Ervin especially enjoyed spending time with family on holidays.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 66 years, Aleda Madison of Kearney; his daughter, Jolynn Gillispie and husband, Bobby of Lincoln; sons, Gary Madison and wife, Lita of Beatrice, Robert Madison and wife Kimberly, and Terry Madison and wife Heather, all of Kearney; ten grandchildren, Chad Schneider and wife, Tanya of Minden, Jamie Wade and husband, Nathan of Brady, Jennifer Madison and fiancé, Jordan Hellwiger of Hastings, Amanda Twehous and husband, Josh of Hildreth, Anthony Madison of Kansas City, MO, Alexander Madison and wife Natasha of Beatrice, Dakota Madison of Minden, Taylor Heili of Lincoln, Zachary Madison, Evelyn Madison, both of Kearney, Jared Madison of Fairbury; 11 great grandchildren; as well as step grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

Ervin was preceded in death by his son, Jimmy Madison; parents; brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Mary Jo Madison, and Don and Marie Madison; brother-in-law, Wilbur Church.

# Previous Events

## Family receiving friends

DEC **15.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

DEC **16.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ervin D. Madison*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss sending prayers and Big hugs to everyone*

**Ken marienau** - December 13, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *My family and I lived next door to the Madison's when I was a teen, back in the 70s. Gary and Bob are friends. As a kid, I remember Erv as a quiet man, but he got our attention when he did speak! Years later after I was an adult, I saw Erv while attending a function or event... Perhaps it was a wedding during the late 80s. Erv had a broad smile on his face, and he was genuinely happy to see me! He invited me to sit and visit with him a bit, and he asked how my parents and family were doing, and what I had been doing over the years. We talked for quite a bit and shared a few laughs. That is a good memory I have of Erv.*

*Gary, Bob; It's been a very long time since I've been able to visit with either of you, and a lot of time and miles have gone by in the blink of an eye. I still think of you often, and recall the days of our youth; both good times and bad times, but mostly the good times. Peace to you, your sister, and your mother. Perhaps we should get together soon.*

*Randy Schulze  
aka Sage  
Kansas City, Missouri*

**Randy Schulze** - December 11, 2021 at 12:31 PM