



Gary A. Dudder

February 1, 1942 - September 27, 2014

Gary A. Dudder, 72 of Kearney died Saturday, September 27, 2014 at his residence. Funeral services will be 4:00 PM, Thursday, October 2, 2014 at Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Kearney. The Rev. John Gosswein will officiate. Military honors will take place after the service and conducted by the Navy Honors Team, VFW #759 and the American Legion # 52. Cremation will follow the service. Visitation will be 5-7pm, Wednesday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to family for future designation. On-line condolences may be submitted to osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Gary was born February 1, 1942 in Seattle, Washington to Joseph and Harriet (Schoffner) Dudder. On December 2nd, 1995 he married Jaculin Brickner (Ruby). Gary moved to Santa Barbara, California as a young boy, graduated high school, and received a Masters in psychology at the University of Redlands, California. He then graduated from Brite University at Texas Christian University with a Masters of Divinity.

He was ordained at the 1st Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Santa Barbara, where he served as pastor. He also served at churches in Lampasas, Snyder, Lockhart, Borger, Monahans, and Kermit, Texas, as well as Las Vegas, New Mexico. He managed a Sambos restaurant from 1975 to 1978, served as police chaplain in Las Vegas, NM and served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy from 1977 to 1979.

Gary moved to Kearney, Nebraska in 1992 to serve the 1st Christian Church. He married Jacci and together they served at the United Parish of Lenora, Kansas and the 1st Christian Church in Aurora, Nebraska. He served as a police chaplain, sold insurance and had his own independent agency in Kearney.

Gary sang in several quartets in college and was once a Barbershopper. He was an experienced fisherman and loved singing, golfing and Husker football. He had an impact on every life he touched, but most of all he loved his family. Survivors include his wife; son, David Dudder of California; son, Jeff Dudder and wife Kim of Pennsylvania; daughter, Joy Baskins and husband Jason of Alabama; step-son, Jeff Witt and wife Connie of Kearney; sister, Shelley Rose and husband Tony of Thousand Oaks, California; aunt, Helen Bruskrud of Everett, Washington; grandchildren Tristan Dudder, Daniel and Willa Dudder, Derrin Armijo, Dale Lee Claypool, Tiffany Swensen, Kimberly Schulz, Kayde Connely, Bleys and Barret Witt; great granddaughter Jozlynn Schatz. Preceded in death by his parents.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary A. Dudder

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ I was one of Gary's cousins. My dad and his mother were twins. I just learned of his passing. I'd reached out several times and made contact once. I'd always wanted a closer relationship, but I guess it wasn't meant to be. For all that were close, I'm sorry for your loss.
//Dennis Shoffner

Dennis Shoffner - March 22, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences! As an exchange student in Santa Barbara 59 - 60 i lived with Gary and his family for half a year. We became great friends, but lost contact over the years. So sad to be aware of his pasning away. Sven Falck

Sven T. Falck - November 06, 2014 at 03:05 PM

LM

“ Jacci,
Gary had such a warm heart and an infectious laugh. I so much enjoyed his rich sense of humor. He possessed a rare gift of making people feel special! He had a generous heart and valued friendship.

Rich and I will always cherish the memory of his participation in our wedding ceremony!! When he danced with you at the reception it was apparent how much he cherished you. I loved his consistent devotion and respect for you as I watched your marriage over these near 19 years! You made his life rich and full and he did yours. May God bless you and comfort you, my dear friend, in the difficult days ahead.

Love,
Lee Marshall



Lee Marshall - October 12, 2014 at 12:16 AM

SB

“ Jacci,

I was in Lawrence when I learned of Gary's passing and was sorry to hear of your loss. I'm told the service was very moving. Even though, I could not be there, I was thinking of you and keeping you in prayer.

I have missed seeing you and Rev. Gary at church in Lenora. I miss the good natured banter between he and Rev. Bob about Nebraska Vrs Kansas sport teams. They were so funny sometimes. Now, Rev Gary is on God's team and a winner forever.

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Sharon Broyles

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Sharon Broyles - October 07, 2014 at 01:22 PM

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Sharon - October 07, 2014 at 01:03 PM

CH

“ We just heard that Gary passed to his eternal home. Having been gone on a trip, we must have missed the news. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Jacci, and your family.
In His Faithful Hands, The Willis Family



Cheryl - October 06, 2014 at 09:50 PM

KS

“ Jacci,

Just learned of Gary's death. My prayers are with you as always!
Hug and my love, Karen Smolik

Karen Smolik - October 05, 2014 at 11:49 AM

FB

“ Gary was my youth pastor in Santa Barbara in the late sixties. As a teenager, he encouraged me to seek my spiritual life and expression which lead me to a fulfilling Christian walk for the last 46 years or so. I'm sorry to hear of his passing and want to let his family know what a long lived blessing he was to me.

Fred Barrett - October 04, 2014 at 03:24 AM

DS

“ Rev. Gary married my wife and I in 1993 in Kearney. My Uncle, also a pastor helped with our ceremony at the church. Gary was determined to have my Uncle wear a ministerial robe for the service but he did not have one. My Uncle Mel was so much smaller than Rev Gary but after dozens of pins and tape we made one of Gary's robes fit Uncle Mel. Through the years we have laughed about this. My love and heartfelt sympathy to the entire family. Don Sickels & Dr. Dawnette K. Pepler former Kearney residents,

Don Sickels - October 01, 2014 at 04:02 PM

SR

“ Gary well be missed. I admired him and Jacci inseparatable marriage. Pray are with you Jacci. Call me when you need someone to talk to. Sandy Rash

Sandy Rash - October 01, 2014 at 02:04 PM

MW

“ Jacci - my sincere condolences - Gary was a good man - I love you - contact me if you need to talk

Marci Walker - September 30, 2014 at 09:06 PM

SB

“ Sandra and Roy Baskins purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Gary A. Dudder.



Sandra and Roy Baskins - September 30, 2014 at 12:59 PM

SR

“ Rev. Gary had the greatest sense of humor. We never knew what was going to come out of him. I love humor in church. Also, I remember one Christmas Eve service he and Jacci sang during the service. Their voices blended so beautiful together and it was a special treat to hear them sing together. Blessings to you Jacci! I know how much Gary loved you and you were so good to him during his illness. Thoughts and prayers are with you.



...Sabrina Richards

Sabrina Richards - September 29, 2014 at 08:34 PM