



Gerry E. Loschen

September 15, 1955 - June 17, 2024

Gerry Edward Loschen, 68, of Kearney, Nebraska passed away peacefully Monday, June 17, 2024 at the UNMC Buffett Cancer Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday at First Lutheran Church in Kearney, Nebraska with the Reverend Marcia Dorn officiating. Interment will be following services at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Gerry was born on September 15, 1955 in Minden, Nebraska to Gerald and Sharron (Whipple) Loschen. He grew up in the Hildreth, Nebraska area and graduated from Hildreth High School. He then attended Kearney State College.

He married his high school sweetheart, Arlene Casper, on June 7, 1975, in Kearney, Nebraska. To this marriage three children were born, Tom, Krista and Jared.

Gerry started a lifelong career with the Buckle (formerly Brass Buckle) while attending college. He and Arlene moved to Hastings, Nebraska where he opened a new Buckle store. They then moved to Emporia, Kansas and later to Hutchinson, Kansas, opening stores in both cities. Gerry was then asked to transfer back to the corporate offices in Kearney to work first in the Operations Department scouting out new Buckle store locations, and later to lead the

Distribution Center which was responsible for receiving and shipping clothing to all store locations. He worked for the Buckle for 45 years, retiring in 2019.

Gerry was a member of First Lutheran Church, Kearney Chamber of Commerce Colonels, and the Kearney Country Club. He loved playing golf and cards with friends, attending Husker and Loper games, watching his children and grandchildren playing sports, going out to dinner and concerts, and traveling with family and friends. He was a Cub Scout leader, served on the Kearney Legion Baseball Board and coached basketball, soccer and baseball. Gerry was a wonderful mentor and leader of his employees, and several of those he hired were promoted to higher positions in other departments. He was extremely proud of the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. Gerry enjoyed visiting with everyone, even those he didn't really know, and he was a friend with anyone he met.

Left to cherish his memory and celebrate his life are his wife of 49 years, Arlene of Kearney; son: Tom Loschen and wife Lauren of Olathe, Kansas, daughter: Krista Tonniges and husband Drew of Gothenburg, Nebraska, and son: Jared Loschen and wife Jenae of Kearney; 7 grandchildren, Luke and Lila Loschen of Olathe, Ryun and Corbyn Tonniges of Gothenburg, and Hudsyn, Colstyn and baby granddaughter Loschen due in August of Kearney; sister Pam Stone and special friend Lyle Kohmetscher of Lawrence, Nebraska, brother Kelly Loschen and wife Joy of Columbus, Nebraska; brothers-in-law Merv Casper of Hildreth, Nebraska, and Aldean Casper of Tucson, Arizona; sister-in-law Dona Casper of Hildreth; beloved aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, along with a host of cousins and friends.

Gerry was preceded in death by his brothers-in-law Roger Stone and Gene Casper; parents Gerald and Sharron Loschen.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials designated to cancer

research through the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation or Kearney Legion Baseball. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 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

JUN 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Ave G
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

CK

“ I have so many fond memories of Gerry as coach for our boys while they were growing up. My sincere sympathy for his passing.

Cathy Kissel - June 21, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerry E. Loschen.



June 21, 2024 at 09:26 AM

LK

“ Lorri kohmetscher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry E. Loschen.

Lorri kohmetscher - June 21, 2024 at 09:26 AM

JS

“ Arlene and family, Jerry and I are so sorry for your loss. Gerry was an awesome man that was loved and admired by all. He loss will leave a huge void in many hearts.

jerry and judy schroeder - June 21, 2024 at 07:50 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerry E. Loschen.*



June 20, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ *Arlene and family - we extend our sympathy for your loss. Gerry was a dear fraternity brother at KSC. He was always caring and showed a big smile to everyone he had contact with. Ron & Rita Horst*

Rita Horst - June 20, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerry E. Loschen.*



June 20, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Gerry will be missed by family and many others. He was a huge sports fan and enjoyed them all. Please accept my sympathy.*

Dick Beechner - June 20, 2024 at 09:49 AM

KF

“ Kirby and Joan Kreutzer and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Gerry E. Loschen.



Kirby and Joan Kreutzer and family - June 20, 2024 at 06:32 AM

DJ

“ With our deepest sympathy,
John & Diane Jelkin

Diane Jelkin - June 19, 2024 at 07:49 PM

CR

“ What a loss. One of the nicest people I've known. Chris Richardson

Chris M Richardson - June 19, 2024 at 07:24 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerry E. Loschen.



June 19, 2024 at 04:41 PM

AF

“ All of The Kerry Whipple Family purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Gerry E. Loschen.



All of The Kerry Whipple Family - June 19, 2024 at 02:24 PM

AF

“ All of The Kerry Whipple Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry E. Loschen.

All of The Kerry Whipple Family - June 19, 2024 at 02:24 PM

JJ

“ With our deepest sympathy, John and Diane Jelkin

John and Diane Jelkin - June 19, 2024 at 02:02 PM

JD

“ Jeff Dozier purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerry E. Loschen.



Jeff Dozier - June 19, 2024 at 12:58 PM

JD

“ Jeff Dozier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry E. Loschen.

Jeff Dozier - June 19, 2024 at 12:58 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Gerry E. Loschen.



June 19, 2024 at 11:55 AM

TF

“ *The Pratt Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry E. Loschen.*

The Pratt Family - June 19, 2024 at 11:55 AM

DP

“ *I remember Gerry from my first days at The Buckle in 1999. Impressed me with a tour of the warehouse. I'm sad to see him pass on so soon.*

Donald Parish - June 19, 2024 at 10:01 AM

DR

Arlene, We are so sorry for your loss. Praying God gives you strength during this difficult time. We will see Gerry and our loved ones again when we get to Heaven. Our hope is in Jesus. Praying for you and your family. Donna and Maury Ruhter

Donna Ruhter - June 21, 2024 at 04:40 PM