



Heath A. Burgeson

January 27, 1973 - June 25, 2025

Heath A. Burgeson, 52 of Kearney passed away Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. A Celebration of Life will be at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 3, 2025 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. A reception will immediately follow the service at the funeral home until 4:00 p.m. Casual attire is requested for those attending.

Memorials, in lieu of flowers, are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Heath Allen Burgeson was born January 27, 1973 in Holdrege, NE to David and Victoria (Meier) Burgeson. He was raised in Wamego, KS where he attended Wamego High School, graduating in 1991. On September 2, 2000, Heath was united in marriage to Tammy Pouk in Holdrege, NE. To this union two sons were blessed. They made their home in Kearney where Heath was a longtime employee of Baldwin Filters. He later worked for Blueprint Engines and Chief Industries.

Heath was an avid Husker and Kansas City Chiefs fan. He enjoyed fishing, camping, golfing, hunting, and smoking meat. He loved to tinker and could fix anything. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his boys, and family, and

friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Tammy Burgeson of Kearney; sons, Jared and Ryan Burgeson of Kearney; mother, Victoria Phillips of Manhattan, KS; sisters, Nikole (Joe) Modean of St. George, KS and Jennifer (Mike) True of Parker, CO; step-sister, Naomi Phillips of MO; step-dad, Bud (Karen) Phillips of Wamego, KS; special friend, Melissa Taubenheim; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Laurie (Scott) Ziems of Kearney, Angie (Scott) Marquardt of Holdrege, Joe (Shanda) Pouk of Holdrege, Mike (Meghan) Bowman of Kearney; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family, many friends and his beloved dog, Maddie.

Heath was preceded in death by his father, David Burgeson; grandparents, Victor and Mildred Meier and Mary Ann and Roy Burgeson; step-grandmother, Peggy Phillips; parents-in-law, Evald Pouk; and Ed and Ruby Bowman.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Heath A. Burgeson



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - July 03, 2025 at 05:58 PM

BT

“ One of my most vivid memories of Heath was from around 1997 or 1998. We were both fairly recently married and didn't have much money. We had traveled up to Kearney to visit Heath and Tammy. Additionally, Bud, Vicky, Niki, and Joe and their kids had also come up for a long weekend of family time. Heath and I had to do some negotiating to be allowed to play 18 holes of golf early one morning. The round started off great; we were ecstatic to get out of the house and take a break from dad duties, family duties, and spouse chores for part of the day. Then, at about hole 9, we started with the cold Bud Lights. One turned into two, two turned into twelve, and so on... At one point, we almost tipped the golf cart over trying to off-road in the mud. I remember I had my old block-style cell phone, and as we were close to finishing the 18th hole, the calls from wives started, asking when we were going to be home. I decided to ignore Jennifer's calls, and Heath pretty much did the same with Tammy's calls, pretending we didn't have good cell service. Then, we had a great idea: let's play 18 more! We did, and if you know golf, that would take another 5 hours. Five hours where the rest of the family was trapped at Heath and Tammy's house with three small kids (Bailey, Kaitlyn, and Trenton).

The family had been waiting on us for some evening events, a break from crying babies, and of course, there were plans for dinner. We knew we were going to be in trouble, and we were. Tammy chewed Heath's ass, Jeni chewed mine, and Bud had to step in and calm the waters with the wives. He also reminded us privately of what dumbasses we were. One of my favorite traits of Heath was how easy-going and laid-back he was. He knew we were going to be in the doghouse, but he reminded me that it would be bad, but the wives and family would get over it. The time we spent on the course that day was equally important to him as it was to me, and worth the wrath we both faced. To this day, it's both one of my favorite golf days and also my most terrifying golf day.

Heath was such a genuinely good person. A great example is how even though I'm no longer married into the family, he still would take

time to send a text, call, check in, or talk smack on K-State.

Brian Taylor - July 03, 2025 at 06:49 PM

DH

“ *Dovie Helberg purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Heath A. Burgeson.*



Dovie Helberg - July 02, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Heath A. Burgeson.*



July 02, 2025 at 05:46 PM

LN

“ *Love montana nikki purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Heath A. Burgeson.*



Love montana nikki - July 02, 2025 at 10:29 AM

DK

“ *Dad and Karen purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Heath A. Burgeson.*



Dad and Karen - July 01, 2025 at 05:55 PM