



Jerry L. Billings

August 24, 1940 - April 9, 2017

Jerry L. Billings, 76 of Kearney died Sunday, April 09, 2017 at CHI Good Samaritan in Kearney, NE after a short illness. Funeral services will be held 2:00 pm Thursday, April 13, 2017 at the Kearney First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Alan Davis officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 pm Wednesday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the Judith Sims Billings Scholarship care of the University of Nebraska Foundation or the Kearney First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry was born August 24, 1940 with his womb mate, an identical twin, Gary D. Billings. Jerry and Gary were born to Lester and D. Lorraine (Preston) Billings in Kearney, NE. Jerry went to K-12 public school in Kearney graduating in 1958. After high school, Jerry attended Kearney State College graduating in 1963 with a degree in Music Education and a Master's in Music Education in 1968.

Jerry's love for music came from his dad, as he suggested that Jerry and Gary join the band. The two boys started band in the 7th grade and loved it, playing

in the concert band as well as the stage band as a senior. Jerry continued to play in the band throughout college, playing in the College Commanders (Stage Band). After graduation, Jerry taught music in Bushnell, Dalton and Loomis Public schools. in 1975, Jerry changed careers and began working for Allmand Bros. in Holdrege. He continued with Allmand Bros. until he retired in 2000.

In 1961, Jerry married Margaret Issler and to this union four children were born: Kandis May, Kevin Wayne, Kori Lee, and Kurtis James. The couple divorced in 1979

On June 21, 1980, Jerry married Judith Lynn Sims and to this union a daughter was born, Jerilyn Marie. Jerry and Judy made their home in Kearney.

Jerry loved life and joking around. A hobby of Jerry's was his two older Buick's which he enjoyed working on. The first, Jerry's father's 1967 wildcat 4-door Hard top, and the second, a 1968 Electric 225 convertible. The kids and grandkids enjoyed driving the old cars at Cruise Nite and Jerry enjoyed showing them off each summer. Jerry loved spending his mornings at a local donut shop joking around with his friends. Jerry also enjoyed volunteering at the hospital and greeting the visitors at the medical office building.

Jerry was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church and was involved in the Seekers Sunday School Class.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother, Gary Billings and his sister-in-law, Judy.

Survivors include his wife Judith: daughter, Kandis Coomes and her husband Rick of Phillipsburg, KS; sons, Kevin of Omaha, NE, Kori of Phillipsburg, KS and Kurt and his wife Jessica of Phillipsburg, KS; and daughter Jerilyn Wright

and her husband Travis of Kearney, NE; sister Rochelle Kelly and her husband Dave of Papillion, NE; Two nephew's Pat and his wife Jenny and Brian and his wife Andrea and their families both of Omaha, NE.

Grandchildren: Deveony, DaKota, Dillon, Derick, Jocelyn, Brynn, Kannon and Rylan and Great Grandchildren, Deegan and Delilah.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 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

APR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry L. Billings*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Judy, Just heard that Jerry passed away. So sorry. You have my sincerest sympathy. Hope you are doing okay.*
Pat Woodside

Pat Woodside - June 25, 2017 at 09:44 AM



“ *I have such fond memories of Jerry. We used to walk to school together every day. What great memories I have of him in high school when we were in the band together. And stories we could always count on Jerry to have fun stories at our Saturday Breakfast Club. He will be missed.*
Joan Hartman

Joan Hartman - April 30, 2017 at 06:21 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of him teaching music in Loomis and Kevin and Kori were in our boys' classes. Treasure your many memories. Eddie and Marlys Anderson, Loomis, NE*

Marlys Anderson - April 17, 2017 at 03:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Billings.*



April 12, 2017 at 01:04 AM



“ *Just got a message about Jerry's passing. He had been a special friend and classmate since our childhood. Judy, I am so sorry for your loss and so sorry I can't be there for his service. We have just arrived in Italy for vacation. Our thoughts will be with you.*

Bill and Judy Rizer - April 11, 2017 at 10:38 PM



“ *My fondest memory of Jerry - aside from his quirky sense of humor - is one of his kind hospitality when Dad was having chemo and radiation treatments at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. We spent many days and nights at the Billings' home and were always made to feel welcome. Jerry cooked many dinners on those evenings and it was an added treat to share an evening meal with Judy and Jerry and enjoy his delicious cooking. He made having 3 house guests intruding on your life day after day seem normal. Jerry's attitude was always that we are family and that's what families do. I will never forget and will always be thankful.*

Jane Gent - April 11, 2017 at 03:50 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Billings.



April 11, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ Jerry was always a great host. He and Judy were always there for my family during good times and bad. Always taking time to stop by and see the cousins-in-laws and putting family first. Thank you for your fun and interesting stories. Keep a watchful eye on little Ryan just like you did for Jerilyn and the rest of your family. RIP. Jim Kirkendall

Jim Kirkendall - April 11, 2017 at 07:53 AM



“ Judy, So sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Lew and Connie Shoff

Lew Shoff - April 10, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ I'll always remember Jerry & brother Gary from high school days. Jerry was the outgoing one, always with a smile on his face. He is now at peace with Gary.

*Blessings,
Marilyn Schaeffer*

Marilyn Schaeffer - April 09, 2017 at 08:04 PM

KJ

Jerry taught me how to play the drums in grade school. It is something I still enjoy doing to this day.

*Thank you Jerry
Keith R, Jensen*

Keith Jensen - April 11, 2017 at 07:53 AM