



John H. Knake

November 24, 1938 - April 27, 2024

John Henry Knake, 85 of Kearney passed away Saturday, April 27, 2024 at St. John's Good Samaritan Center in Kearney. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 3, 2024 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Pastor Roger Wendt officiating. Interment will follow at Riverdale Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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

John was born November 24, 1938 in Avoca, Nebraska to Henry and Mary (Berner) Knake. He attended Avoca High School, graduating with the class of 1957. Following graduation, he worked construction in Omaha, NE for several years. John was united in marriage to Ramona Nielsen in 1961. To this union, two children were born; Patricia and David. The marriage ended in 1978. John worked for Negus and Sweany Construction and moved to Kearney in 1977 to make a four lane highway east of Kearney. John decided to stay in the Kearney area and invested in a scraper and cleaned feed lots north of Minden, NE. In 1979, he went out on his own and started Knake Earth Moving.

John enjoyed people and helping with their dirt work. Whatever needed to be

done, John gave it his best. He was united in marriage to Helen Gibbons on March 23, 1979. He enjoyed playing shuffle board at the Dome Lounge, bowling, traveling and spending time with his family and friends.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Helen Knake; daughter, Patricia Knake; son, Dave Knake all of Kearney; step-daughter, Jackie Maglione of Hastings; 4 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; brothers, Willis Knake of Nehawka, NE, Richard (Charlene) Knake of Otoe, NE and Robert Knake of Syracuse, NE; sisters, Helen Johnson of Omaha, Sondra (Mike) Faber of Bennington, NE; sister-in-law, Jan Knake of Syracuse, NE; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Morris Knake; sisters, Doris Jensen and Myrna Warlick.

Cemetery Details

Riverdale Cemetery

Riverdale, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
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Funeral Service

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John H. Knake



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - May 15, 2024 at 12:23 PM

SK

“ Thank you for all you did for us Grandpa John. Some of my many cherished memories from childhood is playing in your backyard, picking strawberries with you, seeing you and Kyle working on the truck and riding the loader; Kyle sitting in your lap with the biggest grin he always had around you. Going for rides in your truck with you; all three of us kids squished in there, taking turns at driving, even though our feet barley touched the floor.

I love you so much and miss you dearly. I have for years. I am incredibly grateful for these memories and more. Thank you for them.

My condolences to your wife Helen, daughter Patricia Knake and son David Knake. Who I know feels your absence most deeply. May we all find solace in the memories of your laughter and light. With love, Satricia Knake.

Satricia Knake - May 05, 2024 at 03:15 AM

KY

“ I love you, Grandpa, John, I will miss going to work with you. And hanging out all day on the machines with you and miss you dearly.

Kyle - April 30, 2024 at 10:56 AM

MK

“ May you continue "playing in the dirt" up in Heaven! Miss you already Uncle John...

Michael W Knake - April 29, 2024 at 10:28 AM

BK

“ Brother Willis & Nephew Michael Knake purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John H. Knake.



Brother Willis & Nephew Michael Knake - April 29, 2024 at 10:23 AM

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“ Brother Willis & Nephew Michael Knake planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John H. Knake.

Brother Willis & Nephew Michael Knake - April 29, 2024 at 10:23 AM