



## John R. Smutny

April 25, 1944 - March 13, 2022

John Robert Smutny, 77 of Kearney passed away peacefully Sunday, March 13, 2022, with the love of his family surrounding him. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 18, 2022 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Burial services will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

John Robert Smutny was born April 25, 1944 in Omaha, Nebraska to James and Mary (Smola) Smutny. He was raised in Omaha and received his education from Omaha Central High School. He later attended the University of Nebraska-Omaha. John also served in the Nebraska National Guard.

John had a passion for dogs. He was a German Shorthaired and Vizsla field trainer and received many awards in competitions across the Midwest. He spent many enjoyable years with his favorite labs Sammy Jo and Ace.

John began his career in the beer distributor business in Blair, NE. He then went on to be owner in Nebraskaland Distributors working in Hastings and McCook. He later owned and operated Little Kings in Kearney for several years. Most recently John worked for VisionComm to keep himself busy. John's most important job was being a dedicated father to his sons Bob and Chris.

John had a passion for many things. He loved all things outdoors and enjoyed

hunting, fishing, boating, feeding the deer and spending time at his cabin at Harlan County Lake. When John spent any time indoors he was more than likely watching sports or a western movie. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. His biggest joy was the love for his grandkids.

John was a dedicated father and left to cherish his memory are his sons, Bob (Crystal) Smutny, Makenzie, Ryaan and Blake of Kearney; and Chris (Christine) Smutny, Madelyne and Andrew of Tekamah, NE; brother, Chuck (Jan) Smutny of Danville, CA; sister, Mary (Rick) Donovan of Omaha; special friend, Deb Beerman of Kearney; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Sherry Smutny and their son Michael Smutny.

Memorials to the family will be decided at a future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 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  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Smutny*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Justin, Jess, Mallory & Kaida Eriksen purchased the Pretty Please for the family of John R. Smutny.*



**Justin, Jess, Mallory & Kaida Eriksen** - March 17, 2022 at 04:36 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Smutny.*



March 16, 2022 at 08:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John R. Smutny.*



March 16, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Smutny.*



March 16, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John R. Smutny.*



March 16, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of John R. Smutny.*



March 16, 2022 at 11:47 AM



“ *Sympathy and prayers to Deb, Chris and Family and Bob and Family*



**Darleen Farwell** - March 15, 2022 at 09:03 PM

SF

“ *Smutny Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John R. Smutny.*



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**Smutny Family** - March 15, 2022 at 07:19 PM

CW

“ *I have known John for over 40 yrs., I had cut his hair, until retiring, last year. We shared so many stories, lots of laughter & tears. He was a great friend & client. God Bless*

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**Connie Welty** - March 15, 2022 at 06:22 PM

CW

“ *Connie Welty lit a candle in memory of John R. Smutny*



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**Connie Welty** - March 15, 2022 at 06:09 PM

FA

“ *From the Bosselman Family and associates purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John R. Smutny.*



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**From the Bosselman Family and associates** - March 15, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John R. Smutny.*



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March 15, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *Uncle Don and Stephanie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John R. Smutny.*



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**Uncle Don and Stephanie** - March 15, 2022 at 09:14 AM