



Joseph A. "Joe" Smalley

February 22, 1948 - January 22, 2017

Joseph A. "Joe" Smalley, 68, of Kearney, died Sunday, January 22, 2017 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 am Thursday at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. The Rev. Sylvia Karlsson will officiate. Interment of ashes will be in the Kearney Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to First Lutheran Church or Kearney Legion Baseball. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Joseph Albert Smalley was born on February 22, 1948 at Shenandoah, Iowa to Joseph and Launda (Wilkinson) Smalley. He grew up in Davenport, Nebraska and graduated from Davenport High School. Following high school, he attended Fairbury Jr. College and Kearney State College.

On June 1, 1968 he was united in marriage to Shirley K. Lautenschlager in Davenport, after which the couple made their home in Kearney where he was employed by Bamford Plumbing and Heating, Cudaback and Iosty Plumbing and Affordable Plumbing.

Joe was a member of First Lutheran Church. He was an avid Husker fan and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Joe would always take advantage of every

opportunity to spoil his great nephews. Most of all Joe loved attending the sporting activities of his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley of Kearney; a son, Nick Smalley and wife Jani of Kearney; three grandchildren, Tyler Smalley and fiancé Tracy Saffell of Wichita, KS, Sara Smalley of Kearney and Jared Smalley of Kearney; two nieces, Jena Stroud, husband Bill, and family of Kearney, and Jessica Karr, husband Patrick, and family of Grand Island; a nephew, Lanny Lautenschlager, wife Steffani, and family of St. Louis, MO; and two brothers-in-law, Lee Lautenschlager and wife Linda of Sutton, NE and Jay Lautenschlager and wife JeanE of Deshler, NE.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Cory Smalley; and a nephew, Shane Lautenschlager.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Ave G
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph A. "Joe" Smalley*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Joe, you probably don't remember me, as it has been awhile. But I still look at Kearney's website to see or hear about old acquaintances and ponder memories and all the good times we shared back in the day, I really don't know what else to say, but may God Bless you and your family through the coming days ahead.*

Ron and Joan Whiteley

Ron & Joan Whiteley - January 28, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ *Shirley, so sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Keep all the great memories in your heart and God's peace to you. Jerry and Verlene Jacoby*

Verlene Jacoby - January 26, 2017 at 11:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph A. "Joe" Smalley.*



January 25, 2017 at 03:05 PM

GL

“ Shirley and family: So sorry to hear about Joe. But so glad you had so many good years together to see your family grow. May many happy memories come to comfort you and your family at this time and until you see him again.

Dan & Gloria LeDroit

Gloria LeDroit - January 25, 2017 at 01:57 PM

DC

“ Shirley and family.
So sorry to see where Joe has gone to his eternal home. He may be gone from your sight but never from your heart. Praying for God's loving arms to surround you and your family and you feel His calming presence.

Love, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Your distant cousin,

Doris Schnuerle Cain

Doris Schnuerle Cain - January 24, 2017 at 10:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph A. "Joe" Smalley.



January 24, 2017 at 01:30 PM

JT

“ Shirley you have my prayers and thoughts. I know that no person knows what you are going through. I lost the love of my life april 20-2016 LoRee Thornton and it will be a very long time to relieve any of the pain but with the help of GOD and friends hopefully there will be some relieve. God bless and be strong. Your family is there for you.
Johnny Thornton

johnny thornton - January 24, 2017 at 11:41 AM