



## Kenneth "Ken" Petersen

August 20, 1947 - February 16, 2025

Kenneth "Ken" Petersen, 77 of Kearney passed away Sunday, February 16, 2025 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 21, 2025 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Interment will follow at the Bruning Cemetery in Bruning, NE. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Kenneth K. Petersen was born August 20, 1947 in York, NE to Monty and Eleanora (Larsen) Petersen. He was raised near Cordova, NE and later graduated from Friend High School with the class of 1966. Ken proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1967 until his honorable discharge in 1969, after serving in Vietnam. When he returned home, he attended Milford Trade School. On June 12, 1970, Ken was united in marriage to Polly Ohnesorge at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, NE. To this union two children were blessed. The family made their home in Kearney where Ken worked at Fiddelke Heating and Air for over 31 years.

Ken enjoyed gardening, tinkering in his garage and traveling. He was a longtime member of Family of Christ Lutheran Church. He was also an active volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Polly Petersen of Kearney; daughter, Sarah (Keith) Kotschwar of Lantana, TX; son, Jason Petersen of Round Rock,

TX; grandson, Hayden Kotschwar; sister, Gladys (Martin) Lake of Hebron; brothers, Dave (Joan) Petersen of Lincoln and Kermit Petersen of Lincoln; sisters-in-law, Pat Houck-Hobbs of Fairmont, NE and Sue (Larry) Hinrichs of Bruning, NE; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Kathy Petersen; sister-in-law, Beverly (David) Vaught; brothers-in-law, Bob (Angie) Ohnesorge and Tom Ohnesorge

Memorials are suggested to the Family of Christ Lutheran Church. 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.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Bruning, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 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

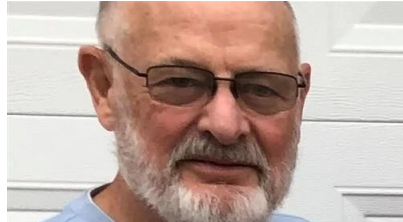
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# Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kenneth "Ken" Petersen



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - February 22, 2025 at 10:07 PM

BR

“ I am so sorry for the Petersen family



Bonnie Dvorak Roberts - February 22, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ Sympathy to your family on the loss of Ken. The triplets were part of our life growing up; church, choir, Sunday School, Bible School, and Confirmation Class. Good people and good memories. May God comfort and bless you.  
Janet Jurgensen Duba

Janet Duba - February 21, 2025 at 04:15 PM

LJ

“ Polly, I am so sorry to hear of Ken's passing. I know you loved him dearly. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lori Jorgenson - February 20, 2025 at 09:04 PM

MI

“ I remember Ken telling me when he came home from the hospital as a newborn, they made a bed out of a drawer, and put him in there. He was so tiny and that's what they had..

Mitzi - February 20, 2025 at 07:33 PM

KH

“ Ken always displayed a quiet sense of calm. I am heart broken to read of his passing. I am with you in my heart Polly.

Kelly Hauff - February 20, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ Oh Miss Polly, we are so heartbroken to hear about Ken. What a kind soul he was. You and your kids, are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace at this time. Scott and Lisa Hoffman

Lisa Hoffman - February 20, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ Lisa Hoffman lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Petersen



Lisa Hoffman - February 20, 2025 at 09:41 AM

JA

“ Polly, so sorry to hear about Ken! I always enjoyed visiting with him & his firm handshake in church! I'm so sorry to have to miss his service, we were on vacation & on our way home got bumped from our flight, so delayed 2 days in Dallas. You all are in my thoughts and prayers❤️🙏

Joyce Albers - February 20, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Petersen.



February 20, 2025 at 06:28 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kenneth "Ken" Petersen.

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February 19, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Petersen.*



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February 19, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Polly and family, we send our deepest sympathies to you. May your memories comfort you in the days ahead. Lori & Steve O'Brien*

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**Lori O'Brien** - February 19, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ *Kim & Virginia Vaught lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Petersen*



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**Kim & Virginia Vaught** - February 18, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Petersen.*



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February 18, 2025 at 06:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ken" Petersen.*



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February 18, 2025 at 02:35 PM



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