



Kenneth J. Reiners

August 2, 1934 - September 23, 2017

Kenneth J. Reiners, 83 of Kearney, died Saturday, September 23, 2017 at his residence. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 AM, Friday at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. The Rev. Joe Hannappel will officiate. Interment will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7pm, Thursday at the church with a prayer vigil at 6 PM.

Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Public School Foundation or St. James Catholic Church. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney is serving the family.

Kenneth James Reiners was born August 2, 1934 in Indianola, NE to Lawrence and Florence (Tines) Reiners. He grew up on a farm north of Indianola and graduated from Red Willow High School in 1951. Ken attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln where he was a member of the football and track teams from 1952-54. He graduated from UNL in 1956.

Following graduation Ken began his teaching career in Wallace, Nebraska. In 1958, he began teaching at Crete High School where he was also the head football coach. In 1964 his Crete High School football team won the Nebraska Class B State Championship. He also was an assistant coach and later the head coach for the South Team in the Nebraska Shrine Bowl. In 1967, he

moved to Kearney where he taught at Kearney High School for 38 years, retiring in 1999.

He was an active member of St. James Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Kearney Education Association, a past board member of the Kearney Public School Foundation and the Kearney Elks Club.

Ken enjoyed officiating football and basketball, playing golf, hunting, fishing and theater productions.

Survivors include a special friend, Charleen Frerichs of Kearney; his children: Diane Reiners of Omaha, NE, Nancy Steele and husband William of Ellijay, GA, and Dan Reiners and wife Jo of Wichita, KS; seven grandchildren, Jenny Goelz, Kelly (Stephanie) Goelz, Robin (Curtis) Krumreich, Morgan Reiners, Evan (Chris) Childs, Collin Steele and Jordan Steele; two great grandchildren, Bianca Goelz and Gavin Childs; a sister, Charlotte Rantala of Hayward, Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Larry.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Vigil / Prayer Service

SEP 28. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth J. Reiners*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Share a memory of Kenneth J. Reiners or send condolences to the family.*

Douglas Duchek - September 29, 2017 at 01:07 PM



“ *Ken Reiners was the greatest influence for integrity, hard work, determination and character for many of us as students and athletes in Crete from 1961-1965. He was our head football coach as freshman and then as seniors in varsity play. He was with us for our Fifty Year Reunion in 2015. We loved him, respected him, and he will ALWAYS be with us!!*

Douglas Duchek - September 28, 2017 at 11:13 PM



“ *The Art and Pat (Reiners) Koetter family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth J. Reiners.*



The Art and Pat (Reiners) Koetter family - September 28, 2017 at 03:16 PM

DB

“ I used many of the things that Mr./Coach Reiners taught me at Crete High School. He was a good man to say the least.

Dennis L. Belohlavy

Dennis L. Belohlavy - September 27, 2017 at 05:41 AM

PR

“ My sympathies to Dan and his family on the loss of his father. May the great memories of your dad help you through this difficult time.
Paula Routon

Paula Routon - September 27, 2017 at 04:50 AM

LF

“ Love, Bob and Darla Hansen and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kenneth J. Reiners.



Love, Bob and Darla Hansen and Family - September 26, 2017 at 08:30 AM

TF

“ The Adam and Haili Kreifels Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth J. Reiners.



The Adam and Haili Kreifels Family - September 25, 2017 at 09:16 PM

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“ *The Childs & Steele Families purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kenneth J. Reiners.*



The Childs & Steele Families - September 25, 2017 at 08:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth J. Reiners.*



September 24, 2017 at 05:15 PM