



Kenneth "Ray" Shields

July 31, 1958 - February 9, 2022

Kenneth "Ray" Shields, 63 of Miller passed away Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 12, 2022 at Countryside Christian Church in Kearney with Pastor Jeff Nielsen officiating. The service will also be live streamed through the church website at the Countryside Christian Church Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/countrysidechristian.church.7> or by searching Kearney Countryside Christian Church on YouTube. for those who are not able to attend. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney and one hour prior to the service at the church.

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

Ray was born July 31, 1958 in Clarinda, Iowa to Kenneth and Phyllis (Larabee) Shields. He received his education from South Page Community Schools. As a young boy and through his young adult life, Ray enjoyed the Rodeo Circuit. He was born a cowboy from the start and enjoyed breaking horses, riding a bucking bronc or saddling up for a trail ride. On July 2, 1976, Ray was united in marriage to Jolene "Jodie" Stogdill. To this union 8 children were born.

Ray worked in construction all his life. He was known as Cowboy or Ray and was full of stories that he loved to tell (mostly true.) He never knew a stranger and was always willing to help those in need. Ray loved his God, family, church family at Countryside Christian Church and countless others. Ray ended his battle with ALS and Dementia and continued his care for others by organ and tissue donation.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Jodie Shields of Miller; children: son, Justen Shields and wife, Tammy and their children, Dillon, Tyler (Cameron), Brett, Brittany, and Destiny; son, Jacob Shields and wife, Stasha and their child, Morgan; daughter, Shaley Stithem and husband, Kyle and their children, Ella, Beda, Hattie, and Lyla; son, Jared Shields and wife, Iris and their children, Isaiah (Ashley), Isaac, Carter, and Izzy; son, Josh Shields and wife, Jessica and their children, Paul and Jada; daughter, Lindsay Reitz and husband, Kenneth and their children, Gracie, Aaron, Noah, Faith, Hope, Joy, and Gideon; daughter, Noelle Verzal and husband, Brandon and their children, Emrie, Baby Boy; son, Jordan Shields and wife, Kirsten and their children, Kali and Eden; mother, Phyllis Shields of Clarinda, IA; brother, Ronnie Shields; sisters, Sandy (Mike) Alexander, Deb (Don) Argo, and Pam Sittner.

He was preceded in death by his father; brother, Randy Shields.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 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
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Christian Church
3203 8th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth "Ray" Shields*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I also sorry to hear of your loss, Jodie. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

John Huddle - February 16, 2022 at 10:43 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss Jodie. Earl E. Jones and family*

Linda Burris - cousin - February 13, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ *We love you Uncle Ray. You always had a smile on your face and a funny story to tell. The memory of your smile and your laugh will always bring a smile to my face. I see that smile in your boys, my cousins. Our hearts and prayers are with you all, Aunt Jodie and all my dear cousins, their spouses and their kids. I know your hearts are hurting and I wish I could be there to hug you all. One sweet day we will all be together and we will rejoice in the presence of our savior. Remembering Uncle Ray with you today as you honor him. Love, Mandy, Paul, Jackson, Tristan, Bradyn and Landon* ❤️ 🙏

Mandy (Stogdill) Schmekel - February 12, 2022 at 11:32 AM



“ *Ray and I were friends growing up in Coin, Iowa. Lots of good memories. My condolences to his family and loved ones.*

Hollis Dixon - February 11, 2022 at 11:58 PM

RC

“ *Rafael Cetina purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth "Ray" Shields.*



Rafael Cetina - February 11, 2022 at 10:27 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ray" Shields.*



February 11, 2022 at 03:19 PM

SS

“ *We had so many good times, as a group of cousins, on Grandpa and Grandma Shields' farm. Ray was always ready for fun and laughter. I cherish those memories. I hope you all find comfort and peace at this sad time. Shelly (Whitehill) Schmidt*

Shelly Whitehill Schmidt - February 11, 2022 at 12:55 PM

KS

*Thinking of the family of Ray
Kerry Smith*

Kerry Smith - February 11, 2022 at 11:26 PM



“ I always enjoyed knowing Ray. He and his sons were great to deal with in the drywall business when they'd come into St. John's Center and later I had them down at Bethany Home in Minden doing fix-ups. They'd come in and do repairs and it'd be perfect and always a fair price. He was one of those guys that just made you feel good just chatting with him. God bless you all and you're in my prayers.

Lynn Tacha - February 11, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ray" Shields.



February 11, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ray" Shields.



February 11, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ray" Shields.



February 11, 2022 at 10:42 AM

DR

“ I'm Ray's cousin. I worked with Ray, Ronnie and their dad. Went to A LOT of rodeos with them. This would have been in 1981. Ray, Ronnie and I got the "great" idea to move to Denver to roof a parsonage and church. Lots of stories to tell. Cousins , Jodie and family I am so sorry for your loss.

Don Richardson - February 11, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ray" Shields.



February 10, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ray" Shields.



February 10, 2022 at 09:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth "Ray" Shields.



February 10, 2022 at 06:44 PM

JS

“ Probably about 20 years ago now, after school I was teaching piano lessons and one of my boys was late coming to his lesson. I picked up the phone and thought I'd dialed him and after a brief "hello", I said to the "student" why aren't you here, did you realize you're late for your lesson? When a somewhat familiar voice queried "Is this Jim?" I then recognized Ray's voice and my mistake, having called the next number beyond my real student. Ray said something like it might take him a while to get to Michigan from Nebraska and that he hadn't practiced, but he really wished he could play piano! Oops! We got a good laugh out of that and now he had another story to tell ! With the joke on me, his brother-in-law. 🤪HA!

James Stogdill - February 10, 2022 at 06:41 PM

BJ

“ I knew ray from times when he and sons would come to mccoak to work I also helped him for few days but he was a great man hard worker god bless him and his family prayers are with everyone

Bernard judd - February 10, 2022 at 04:29 PM