



Kenneth D. Whittaker

November 25, 1934 - August 5, 2016

Kenneth D. "Kenny" Whittaker, 81, of Kearney, died Friday, August 5, 2016 at his home after losing a lengthy battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Funeral services will be at 11 am Tuesday, August 9th at First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Stephen Price-Gibson will officiate. Interment will be at 2:30 pm in Greenwood Cemetery in Lexington, Nebraska. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Monday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation.

Kenneth DeWayne Whittaker was born on November 25, 1934 in Lexington, Nebraska, to Paul and Mary (Brummet) Whittaker. He grew up in Lexington and graduated from Lexington High School in 1953. During high school Kenny participated in football, basketball and track. Following high school Kenny continued to work at the local grocery store where he managed the meat department.

On June 20, 1954 Kenny was united in marriage to Marilyn Stream at the First Presbyterian Church in Lexington. The couple made their home in Lexington until moving to Kearney in 1960. Kenny was a truck driver and delivery man for several companies, including Armour, Roberts Dairy and Yellow Freight. Following his retirement from Yellow Freight Kenny worked for IGA.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and was a past member of the Elks Club. He was also a member of the Teamsters Union where he served as a Steward. Kenny enjoyed doing word puzzles and playing basketball in the men's half court league, which he was instrumental in starting. Most of all he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, and especially looked forward to attending their sporting activities. Kenny's family and friends will always remember his extremely kind and gentle heart.

Kenny is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Marilyn of Kearney; a son, Dan Whittaker and wife Mary of Arlington, TX, a daughter, Lori LaBrie and husband Tim of Minden, a son, Jon Whittaker and wife Shelly of Kearney; five grandchildren, Erin Fennema and husband Matt of Byron Center, MI, Christopher LaBrie and wife Kim of Minden, Blake Whittaker and wife Katie of Gretna, Logan Whittaker and Sara Anderson of Minden, and Olivia Whittaker of Kearney; four great grandchildren, Elizabeth, Micah, Lily and Gabriel Fennema; two sisters, Myrna Eggleston and husband Glenn of Lexington and Paula Blodgett of Lexington, and a brother, Jerry Whittaker and wife Donna of Lexington; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother-in-law, Marvin Blodgett; and three nephews, Brent Sherman, Blake Sherman and Terry Eggleston.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Lexington, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
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Funeral Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
4511 6th Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ Kenneth D. Whittaker

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Ken was a great person and loved by everyone he met. I remember visiting their home several time when their son Dan and his wife Mary would come home to visit. More than once he convinced me to stay for supper and "Ken was the King of the Grille" when it came to cooking a steak! My thoughts are with the family during this difficult time, the past few years have been a difficult time for his family, but we can rest assured that he is in a better place, where we can look forward to joining him! Greg & Peg McCollough

Greg McCollough - August 08, 2016 at 04:52 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Whittaker.



August 08, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Kenneth D. Whittaker.



August 08, 2016 at 07:49 AM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of
Kenneth D. Whittaker.*



August 07, 2016 at 06:36 PM