



Kurt D. Siedschlaw

August 7, 1949 - July 1, 2025

Kurt David Siedschlaw, 75 of Kearney passed away Monday, July 1, 2025 at St. John's Good Samaritan Society in Kearney. Memorial services will be 11:00 am Thursday, August 7, 2025 at First United Methodist Church in Kearney.

Kurt was born August 7, 1949 in Huron, South Dakota to Wenton and Betty (Cook) Siedschlaw. He attended college the now-defunct Huron College just up Highway 37 from his hometown of Woonsocket, South Dakota

After completing his bachelor's degree, he was hired as a state probation and parole officer and graduated from the South Dakota law enforcement training academy in 1974. He spent five years as a probation and parole officer before making the decision to attend graduate school at Michigan State University. Siedschlaw earned his master's degree in criminal justice administration in December 1977. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Dakota. Kurt served as professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska-Kearney for over 29 years. Kurt was united in marriage to Joni Tschetter on June 27, 1971 in Huron, SD. This union was blessed with four children.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Alissa Tschetter-Siedschlaw (Edward Llambias) of Des Moines, IA, Caleb (Tisha) Tschetter- Siedschlaw of

Dodge City, KS, Seth (Justine) Tschetter-Siedschlaw of Kearney, Maia (Andrew) Galloway of Kearney; grandchildren, Breanna Colette, Noah Kurt, Madilyn Jammie, Tyler Carlos, Samuel James, Cadyn Colette, Tegan Caleb, Camden Thomas, Brigham John, Hudson Elias, Henry James, Wren Elizabeth, Ella Joanne, Laila Alissa, Maika Ray, Remington David; step-grandchildren, Noah Oliver, Georgina Patricia, Jackson Wayne, Maverick Dewey; siblings, Bonnie (Larry) Traetow and Nancy (Lonnie) Nack; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Kurt was preceded in death by his parents; wife Joni Tschetter; siblings, Mary Alice Siedschlaw, Richard Siedschlaw, Marjorie Lewis and Robert Siedschlaw

Donation are suggested to the Kearney First United Methodist church or The Bear Project <https://bearproject.net/>. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

TT

“ I will always remember the lawn mower rides
he would take me on as a kid



Tyler Tsk - August 08, 2025 at 01:28 AM

RB

“ Ryan and Lisa Burger purchased the Serene Retreat
for the family of Kurt D. Siedschlaw.



Ryan and Lisa Burger - August 05, 2025 at 10:21 PM

JR

“ Jammie & Ray purchased the Serene Retreat for
the family of Kurt D. Siedschlaw.



Jammie & Ray - August 05, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Kurt D. Siedschlaw.



August 05, 2025 at 11:28 AM

FF

“ From Jill, Molly,Al,Jenny and families. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kurt D. Siedschlaw.

From Jill, Molly,Al,Jenny and families. - July 31, 2025 at 06:58 PM

FF

“ From Jill, Molly,Al,Jenny and families. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kurt D. Siedschlaw.



From Jill, Molly,Al,Jenny and families. - July 31, 2025 at 06:58 PM

TH

“ Toni Hill lit a candle in memory of Kurt D. Siedschlaw



Toni Hill - July 30, 2025 at 10:21 AM

LF

“ Lisa Horsley and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kurt D. Siedschlaw.

Lisa Horsley and Family - July 23, 2025 at 01:03 PM

LF

“ Lisa Horsley and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Kurt D. Siedschlaw.



Lisa Horsley and Family - July 23, 2025 at 01:03 PM

RM

“ Kurt was a good friend and mentor in my life. As a mentor Kurt showed me how to be my best advocate of my ability and skills. While I was a student we did many great activities from contracting with the Nebraska Indian Commission to wright the state Family Preservation Plan for the tribes to hosting a Seventh Generation Conference at UNK. He will be missed

Ronda Metcalf - July 22, 2025 at 11:08 PM

MM

“ Kurt and Joni were our first friends when we moved to Kearney in 2000. We met at church and had an instant bond due to our South Dakota roots. We made a lot of memories together and shared many birthdays and holidays through the years. We miss both of them beyond measure and will cherish the memories forever!
Love,
Kim and Marcie May

Marcie May - July 22, 2025 at 07:23 PM

RG

“ This loss is a tough one as Kurt was not only my professor for Criminal Justice, he was my mentor/friend in life. His daughter Maia and my daughter also became friends about the same time as Kurt and I met. I remember the first time I went to his home taking my daughter to their home, he insisted I come in to meet Joni and to show me all the work she had done in remodeling their home. Absolutely amazing. Another fond memory is when my daughter got married at Cottonmill. Dont recall now why Kurt was there very early in the morning whith us setting up, but he also offered to sit there all day long to watch over wedding decorations from any wildlife who may be curios, something we had not even thought about. And yes Kurt sat there from early morning to late afternoon, all by himself, very hot day. I couldn't have asked for a better friend and mentor.

Robin Gibreal - July 19, 2025 at 09:19 AM

HG

“ Heidi Jo Green lit a candle in memory of Kurt
D. Siedschlaw



Heidi Jo Green - July 10, 2025 at 09:22 PM

HG

“ Dr. Siedschlaw was my criminal justice professor from 1991 until 1995. He was an amazing professor and one of the kindest people I have had the privilege to know. He helped me get into doctor role school and ultimately my doctoral program. I communicated with him regularly up until he passed away, speaking to him about one week before. He was always there for me and never let me down. He served as a role model, as I am a professor now. He adored his wife, his four children, and all his grandchildren. I never had a conversation with him in which he didn't mention the most important people in his life. I miss him every minute of every day.

Heidi Blair Green, UNK class of 1995

Heidi Jo Green - July 10, 2025 at 09:21 PM

MB

“ Dear TschetterSiedschlaw Family,
I was shocked to see this today for the first time. Our sincere condolences to the whole family. You "kids" have been through so much in the last few years with Mom and now Dad. They were both gone way too soon. They loved their family so very, very much and were dear people! May Jesus bring comfort and peace to you all.
His Love,
Lee and Maurita Barthelman

Maurita Barthelman - July 10, 2025 at 03:28 PM