



## Larry A Rainwater

March 9, 1941 - April 2, 2015

Larry A. Rainwater, 74  
Kearney resident

Larry A. Rainwater, 74, of Kearney, died Thursday, April 2, 2015 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2015 at First Lutheran Church with the Rev. Rebecca McDermott and Rev. Eric Leshar officiating. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Larry Allen Rainwater was born March 9, 1941 in Villa Rica, Georgia to James and Evelyn (Skinner) Rainwater. He attended grade school at Marietta Public School and was a 1959 graduate of Murphy High School in Atlanta, GA. In May of 1959, Larry enlisted into the U.S. Air Force, where he served as a photogrammetrist until his honorable discharge in November of 1962. Larry furthered his education by taking business classes following his time in the military. Larry was united in marriage to Mary Johnson in Omaha, NE. The couple was blessed with two children; Steven and Deborah. He was employed as a patient accounts director for several different hospitals in the area including, St. Joseph Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and St. Elizabeth's

Hospital. Larry also worked for the Amarillo, Texas Hospital District and Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler, TX. He would later work for Jack Lederman & Co and most recently, Larry worked for Chief Industries, retiring in 2009. Larry was united in marriage to Brenda Lederman on April 19, 1974 in Lincoln, NE. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church where he was active in choir and cooking for Wednesday night meals.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Rainwater of Kearney; daughter, Deb Arlington and husband, Dave of Erie, CO; son, Steven Rainwater and wife, Karen of Belle Plaine, MN; 7 grandchildren and several great grandchildren; brothers, Charles (Sandy) Rainwater and David (Tricia) Rainwater all of Conyers, GA; sister, Cindy (Scott) Cole of Powder Springs, GA; aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as, his special family, Eric and Amy Steinmark and their children, Emma and Alexis all of Kearney. Larry was preceded in death by his parents; son, Christopher; first wife, Mary Johnson and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Helyn and Jack Lederman.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **9**. 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

APR **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
3315 Ave G  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry A Rainwater*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Larry A Rainwater.*



April 08, 2015 at 09:06 PM



“ *I remember Uncle Larry when I was a kid. He was so funny and always played with us. Also I remember him singing songs that I believe he wrote himself. He will be missed. I wish good thought to all of the family - Brenda, Steve and Deb and families - Cousin to Steve and Deb - Charlie Johnson III*

**charlie johnson** - April 08, 2015 at 07:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry A Rainwater.*



April 08, 2015 at 11:27 AM

EF

“ *Brenda and Family, I send my prayers and sympathy to you and know how much Larry will be missed by all. I am so happy that I've gotten to know you and Larry and to see the love and caring you had for each other. He loved his family so much. I loved his stories, especially those about his grandkids. He had that wonderful laugh and smile that could only come from pure happiness and joy. God bless Larry's eternal rest and give you and Larry's loved ones comfort and peace. Much love*  
*Eileen Frieden*

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**Eileen Frieden** - April 08, 2015 at 10:11 AM

 Barb  
Schroeder

“ *Brenda and Family, Larry will be missed by many. I am sure he will be watching over everyone. I know how much work Larry did at First Lutheran. Everyone there always enjoyed his cooking, smile and kind words. I know my Mom was so glad to get to spend quality time with him at church. Thinking of you. I will not make it for the Thursday evening visitation but I will be there Friday. If you need anything let me know.*  
*Barb Schroeder*

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**Barb Schroeder** - April 07, 2015 at 07:34 PM

PH

“ *When I think of Larry Rainwater, I smile. He was fun, full of jokes, a cut up, sweet, loving, would do anything for anybody. He loved Krystal's, cold anything out of the refrigerator, especially pizza! He loved his family, his brother's and his sister. He loved his Mother and Daddy. He is a wonderful memory, for Debbie, for Steve, and for his wife Brenda. He is now in good hands, with The Lord Jesus Christ.*

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**Peggy Olson Howle** - April 06, 2015 at 10:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry A Rainwater.*



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April 06, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ *I truly enjoyed working with Larry, he had a heart of a giant and I will always have many memories of his sense of humor and his infectious laughter. His smile and spirit will continue to live within us all. God Bless and our deepest sympathies to Brenda and family during this difficult time.*  
*Allen Mitchel - Chief Industries.*

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**Allen Mitchel** - April 06, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ *Steve, So sorry to hear about your dad's passing. I remember your dad so many years ago at your home in Amarillo Tx. At this time there is no amount of words that can replace the memories and feeling you and your family are experiencing now, Just knowing that he is now in a better place, gives us peace and comfort.*



*Ed Perry*

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**ed perry** - April 05, 2015 at 10:40 PM

DH

“ *Duane Harmoney lit a candle in memory of Larry A Rainwater*



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**Duane Harmoney** - April 05, 2015 at 04:49 PM

DH

“ *To the family of Larry--My deepest sympathy to all of you. I knew Larry at Chief and was impressed with his positive attitude and the wonderful personality he possessed. I am truly honored to have met him and know he will be deeply missed.*

*Duane Harmoney*

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**Duane Harmoney** - April 05, 2015 at 04:48 PM



“ *I have so many memories with my grandpa Larry, he was so special to me. Always making everyone laugh, and always making sure we were going to eat some good food. He was so kind-hearted. I really can't believe he's gone. I love and miss you forever grandpa. <3*

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**Emily Walter** - April 05, 2015 at 03:45 PM

JS

“ *I never met Larry, but I do know the fine man he raised in his son, Steve. Kind, caring, humorous and skillful, I'm sure were attributes Steve inherited from his Dad either by birth or guidance. Rest in peace, Larry. You served your country well and can be proud of your work as a Dad, too.*

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**John Schilberg** - April 05, 2015 at 01:20 PM

JM

“ *Wish I could be there. Larry was always so nice to me every time he visited deb and family. He always had a smile and I loved his chuckle. Such a sweet and loving man.*



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**joey mauldin** - April 04, 2015 at 11:16 PM

SB

“ *Deepest sympathies for your loss. Megan and I always enjoyed the Wednesday night meals at First Lutheran Church while Larry was involved with the cooking. We especially enjoyed the post meal ritual of cleaning dishes and enjoying conversation with Larry in the kitchen talking about food and life. Larry always had a good word and positive attitude to offer everyone.*  
*Steve & Megan Boyer*

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**Steve Boyer** - April 04, 2015 at 10:01 PM

MR

“ *So sorry to hear the news I love you Larry and I am so sorry in my thoughts and prayers go out the Larry and his family. the Ramsey will pray for their loss*

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**Mike Ramsey** - April 04, 2015 at 06:14 PM

Dave  
Arlington

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**Dave Arlington** - April 04, 2015 at 05:10 PM

KW

“ *Brenda and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing! I pray that your memories  
will help you through this difficult time. Sending hugs and prayers to  
you, Nebraska!*

*Kris Wurr (Iowa)*

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**Kris Wurr** - April 04, 2015 at 05:04 PM

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Arlington

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**Dave Arlington** - April 04, 2015 at 04:55 PM

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**Dave Arlington** - April 04, 2015 at 04:20 PM

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**Dave Arlington** - April 04, 2015 at 04:17 PM