



Lenard A. Pedersen

June 22, 1928 - April 30, 2019

Lenard A. Pedersen, 90
Kearney Resident

Lenard A. Pedersen, 90, of Kearney passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at CHI Health-Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 6, 2019 at the Kearney First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Melody Adams will officiate. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery with military honors provided by the Gibbon American Legion Post #310 in conjunction with the Nebraska National Guard Honors Team. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to Gibbon American Legion, Kearney First United Methodist Church or the Peterson Senior Center. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Lenard Arthur Pedersen was born on June 22, 1928 in Omaha to Olaf and Clara (Tietz) Pedersen. Lenard received his education from Gibbon High School graduating with the class of 1946. In 1950, Lenard enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his country during the Korean War, until being honorably discharged in 1952. After being honorably discharged,

Lenard returned home where he tended to the family farm.

On March 1, 1953 Lenard was united in marriage to Phyllis Ilene Olson and to this union three children were born: Penny, Lenard, Jr. and Dean.

Lenard was a longtime member of Kearney First United Methodist Church. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing baseball in Gibbon. Most recently, Lenard enjoyed participating in horseshoe tournaments, bowling and playing cards.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Phyllis Pedersen of Kearney; daughter, Penny John and her husband, Randy of Miller; sons, Lenard Pedersen, Jr. and his wife, Connie of Kearney and Dean Pedersen and his wife, Katie of Radcliff, Kentucky; 7 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; brothers, Donald Pedersen and his wife, Gerry of Holdrege; sisters-in-law, Dee Pedersen of Grand Island and LaVonne Pedersen of Newman, Georgia; along with many other relatives and friends.

Lenard was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Gloria Bartak; brothers, Dayton Pedersen, Orville Pedersen and John Pedersen; sister-in-law, Marie Pedersen; and brother-in-law, Clyde Bartak.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

45400 85th Road
Gibbon, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
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Funeral Service

MAY 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Lenard A. Pedersen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lenard A. Pedersen.*



May 06, 2019 at 09:28 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lenard A. Pedersen.*



May 04, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ *We will always have wonderful memories of Lenard playing horseshoes. John and Jackie Strong Chambers*

John Strong - May 03, 2019 at 05:50 PM

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“ I have known Lenard since I was old enough to hold a horseshoe in my hand. He was always fun to play and I have many fond memories growing up playing in horseshoe tournaments that he attended as well. He was a good man, and I and the rest of his horseshoe family will sure miss him. Rest In Peace Lenard.

Marcus Thomsen - May 02, 2019 at 11:19 PM

RJ

“ Pedersen family,

My favorite memory of he and Phyllis was the story they both shared with me a few years ago while we were at an Ainsworth tournament.

We had just finished a match and he was happily telling and laughing about how years earlier when the Worlds Tournament was held there in 1986.

Naturally the tournament was being held during our corn irrigation season, he had irrigated late into the night in order to pitch the next few days.

He had finished just in time to take off in the morning for the drive to Ainsworth. Found the park for the tournament and then drove the few miles to Long Pine where they had rented a cabin on the creek. They checked in at Cabin office, went to their cabin and both being very tired they just lay down on the bed and took a nap without unloading.

Later when they awoke they took a walk around the park and creek. On arrival back at their cabin they were surprised that there was another couple from (I don't remember) setting on the porch enjoying the day.

They puzzling look at each other wondering what the heck was going on?

Being country folk they were not surprised to have found the cabin unlocked upon their arrival and had gone in and went to sleep on top of the bed.

It was then they looked at their cabin key...They noticed they were just off one cabin number!

Being the wise old farming people they were, they said Good Morning and went to the correct cabin!

I will never forget the smile on both their faces while Lenard told the story and Phyllis correcting him on a few details! :)))

Rest in Peace my old friend, (I'm sure God has you in the right cabin today) :)

*Sincerely,
Rex Robison Jr.
Neb. Regional Director of Horseshoe Pitching*

Rex E Robison, Jr. - May 02, 2019 at 11:53 AM

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“*Lenard, was such a dear friend of my parents Norman and Doris Hartman. We will keep Phyllis and her family in our thoughts and prayers thru the days ahead.*

God Bless: Sherrie Roberts- Ansley NE

Sherrie Roberts - May 01, 2019 at 10:20 PM