



Lennis D. Sytsma

May 22, 1956 - March 11, 2024

Lennis D. Sytsma, 67 of Kearney passed away Monday, March 11, 2024 of natural causes at his home in Kearney. Memorial services will be held at 2:00p.m. Friday, March 22, 2024 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Rev. Bruce Beebout officiating.

Lennis was born May 22, 1956 in Gothenburg, Nebraska to Milton and Carolyn (Edson) Sytsma. He was raised in rural Brady, NE and attended Brady High School, graduating valedictorian with the class of 1974 and earning a Regents Scholarship. Lennis furthered his education by attending Kearney State College where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Education.

Growing up, Lennis worked for many farmers in the area and helped his dad on the farm. After graduating from Kearney State, he taught at Imperial High School and Stromsburg High School. He later worked as a software troubleshooter at Ed Tech in Kearney. Recently, Lennis worked various jobs in the Kearney area. He was a supporter of the Kearney Community and of UNK basketball. Lennis had many friends and loved his family, especially his mother. He always enjoyed the company of family and friends, oftentimes reminiscing for hours.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Carolyn Sytsma of McCook, NE; sisters, Janene Goosey of Phoenix, AZ and Judy (Craig) Stous of Lincoln;

brother, Kent Sytsma of Omaha. Also, nieces; Megan (Kyle)Schuelke, Chelsey (Michael) Rose, Madison (Ryley) Cidlak, Melissa Sytsma, nephews; Nathan (Jenni) Goosey, Cory Goosey, Daniel (Kate) Stous, and Colton Sytsma. He also had several great- nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

Lennis was preceded in death by his father, Milton Sytsma.

Final resting place will be at the Gothenburg Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation c/o O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, 4115 N Ave, Kearney, NE 68847. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lennis D. Sytsma



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - March 26, 2024 at 05:32 PM

MF

“ Mary Ann, Janet, & Tom & Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lennis D. Sytsma.



Mary Ann, Janet, & Tom & Families - March 22, 2024 at 09:26 AM

MF

“ Mary Ann, Janet, & Tom & Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lennis D. Sytsma.

Mary Ann, Janet, & Tom & Families - March 22, 2024 at 09:26 AM

JD

“ As a young man Lennis worked with my Husband Leo at the Rod Gillespie Ranches at Gothenburg and Maxwell. Love and prayers to Carolyn and all of her family as they miss him. Lennis was a walking encyclopedia of information and we will miss his quick wit and sense of humor. I hope he and Hubby are enjoying the beautiful green hills in Heaven and were happy to see each other again. There are so many memories of our times with Lennis. I will hold each one dear to my heart until we meet again <3



JUDY M DAILEY - March 21, 2024 at 06:09 PM

TS

“ Tyrone Shaw purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphillum for the family of Lennis D. Sytsma.



Tyrone Shaw - March 21, 2024 at 04:17 PM

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Tyrone Shaw - March 21, 2024 at 04:17 PM

BS

“ Mr Systema is one of the three excellent English teachers that influenced me to become an English instructor. He nurtured my love for writing and reading. RIP Mr Systema.

Brenda Sanchez - March 20, 2024 at 07:06 AM

CN

“ CCHS and friends, Imperial, NE purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lennis D. Sytsma.



CCHS and friends, Imperial, NE - March 15, 2024 at 01:45 PM

CN

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CCHS and friends, Imperial, NE - March 15, 2024 at 01:45 PM

DE

“ Dean and Mary Jane Edson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Lennis D. Sytsma.



Dean and Mary Jane Edson - March 14, 2024 at 10:12 PM

DB

“ Many of us in imperial have fond memories of him when he taught in imperial. We will miss him.

Dennis batterman - March 14, 2024 at 02:37 PM