



## Leslie Sayles

March 2, 1946 - February 18, 2013

Leslie Sayles, 66 Kearney resident Leslie Sayles, 66, of Kearney, died Monday, February 18, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Services are 10:30 A.M. Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home with the Rev. Stanley Morrison and Rev. Leslie Poutney officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Fort McPherson National Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Nebraska National Guard Honors Team and the North Platte American Legion. Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at [www.orsfh.com](http://www.orsfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Leslie Otis Sayles was born March 2, 1946 in Lincoln, Nebraska to Russell and Goldie (Ericson) Sayles. He grew up in North Platte, Nebraska and was a 1964 graduate of the North Platte High School. Leslie continued his education at the North Platte Community College, and later at Kearney State College, where he graduated in 1968. He also attended the Hawamba Community College. He entered into the U.S. Army on September 15, 1970 and served during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharge on April 23, 1972. Leslie was employed as a Respiratory Therapist and a respiratory Therapist Instructor at the NEMS Medical Center in Tupelo, MS, as well as, in Albuquerque, NM at the PIMA and NM Presbyterian Hospital. Leslie was a member of the Non-Denominational Church, NRRC, Albuquerque Chapter of

the Barbershopper Harmony Society , Kearney Area Barbershoppers Chorus # 1733 and the American Legion. Survivors include his daughters, Meagan Settlemires and husband, Corey of Pensacola, FL and Mariki Sayles of New York, NY; grandchildren, Parker Settlemires, Paityn Settlemires and Paisley Settlemires all of Pensacola, FL; mother, Goldie Sayles of Kearney; brothers, Steve Sayles and wife, Nancy of Kearney; nephew, Harlan Sayles of Omaha and Josh Sayles and wife, Belinda of Kearney; 2 great nieces and one great nephew. Leslie was preceded in death by his father, Russell Sayles.

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ I was thinking about u today Mr. Sayles . You were my respiratory therapist instructor. You were such a sweet man. You let us ride with you if we didn't have a way and even invited your students to come to your home and study with you. I've never forgotten u. It's been about 20 years since I've seen you last but you left a wonderful imprint in my heart. God bless and RIP!!!

Lakendria Hill(student to Mr. Sayles) - May 21, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ Leslie Sayles

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM

MS

“ I miss you Dad.

mariki sayles - February 07, 2014 at 02:19 AM

LB

“ Les was the best, most patient instructor I had at Pima. We developed a friendship that went beyond the classroom. He was a wonderful listener, helping me through several situations. My life has been enriched by knowing Les. Miss you...

Leslie Bueter - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

DO

“ Les was my friend. I miss him. Condolences.

Dale Oldham - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

TR

“ Les meant so much to all of us and he will be greatly missed. Les was so faithful and filled a useful place; he often called out Hymn 390--I Need The Mind Of Christ. Will be thinking of his two daughters, mother, brothers, and others in the family at this time and in the future.

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**Terry and Elizabeth Russell** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

GO

“ Les was one of my two closest friends during my two years at NPJC. I lived with his family during my sophomore years. I had tried getting in touch with him in NM but did not realize he had moved to Kearney. He was one terrific guy. We spent many hours together talking and laughing, studying and singing. He was always a positive influence in my life while i was in NP. I think of him (and the family) often and have fond memories of the years I lived with them. Les was never critical or harsh in his judgements of people (particularly me) and always treated everyone with Christian love. His influence in my life directly led to my acceptance of Jesus as my Lord and Savior. There is so much I want to say about how much Les meant to me and I only hope in some small way I was a positive in his life. A great man!!!

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**Gary Owen** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

AM

“ So very sorry to hear of your loss. I worked with Les at UNMH in Albuquerque, and he was a wonderful person. He and I would frequently talk about the Lord so we had great fellowship in Christ. He was a hard working respiratory therapist and his students enjoyed him as well. God bless you all.

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**ann d mcmahon** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

TG

“ I have missed Les since working with him at nmmc. he showed caring to everyone, with teaching and laughter. He will be greatly missed

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**Tammy Gaskin** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

PZ

“ I was surprised to read of Lesleys passing. We were classmates, and have many fond memories. Praying for the strength and suport for your family.

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**Phylis Ziegler-Garner** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

JL

“ Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time of your dad's illness and death.

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**Jack & Mary Salmon and John & Charlene Lang** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

DG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all today. Les was a very good friend to me and always consistant. He called me in 1983 and ask about the college I was going to attend and I explained what I knew, within 2 months he and family moved to Mississippi. We attended Itawamba Community College together, he studied Resp. therapy and I was in Nursing. We enjoyed many heart to heart visits through the years. He touched many lives and even took care of Sam Walton once ( founder of Walmart). His family will have many good memories and lots of stories to tell in the future about Les.

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**David Garner** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

GG

“ Meagan & Mariki Our hearts go out to you in the loss of your Dad. Such a fine example of Truth & what it stands for. He will be missed by all that knew him. Please know that our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. He is resting now...no more pain or suffering.

George & Jan Garner - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

DR

“ We've lost a good friend and a great therapist Enjoyed the golf games and comradery. You will be greatly missed my good friend.

Danny Whitt, RRT - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

LJ

“ Sorry to hear of Les Passing Many memories growing up together

Larry @ Alice Jelinek - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

TV

“ Maegen and Mariki and family of Les, We have good memories of Les, and our fellowship with him in past days. Want to extend our sympathy to all of you and we are so thankful that Les had laid up treasure in heaven and now he is at rest and Home safe.

Terry & Ellen Visser - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

CT

“ My condolences go out to my dear friends Les Sayles family! He was loved by so many and wherever he went! He will be deeply missed! May God grant you all peace during this time of loss. He will be remembered as wonderful teacher and beloved friend. Les drink a Carmel Frappe for me.

Celeste Toledo - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

DK

“ Our thoughts have been with you both, Maegan and family and Marika, these last days. Know they haven't been easy ones and made more complicated by the distance between you. We fondly remember earlier days when we were with your parents when you were growing up. May you take comfort in knowing others care. Our love to you all.

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**Dean & Joyce Klenk** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

VK

“ Surely will be thinking of you tomorrow...Hard to realize he is gone. May I extend my deepest sympathy, Love and care to all the family, Virginia

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**Virginia Kleeb** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

SM

“ To all of the family, I want to say how sorry I am about Les's passing. So many good memories in the Sayles' home, where I professed back in 1969. Love and comfort to all of you.

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**Sharon Mulford** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

RB

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dad, Brother, Uncle and Son..

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**Rod, Jenelle Snow and boys** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM

CS

“ we are so sorry in your loss of Les, your Dad. We have known him ever since a boy at home, Growing up seeing he and his parents at conv. every year...thinking of you with care, Cleon and Audrey Schwartz, McCool Jct.

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**Cleon and Audrey Schwartz** - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM