Louis Ninegar

May 27, 1917 - April 9, 2011

Louis C. Ninegar, 93, of Kearney, died April 9, 2011 at the Ravenna Good Samaritan Society. Memorial Services will be 10:00 A.M. Friday, April 15th at the First Presbyterian Church in Kearney with the Reverend Burke Landrum officiating. Interment will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Public Schools Foundation. O'Brien Straatmann Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be submitted at www.osafh.com Louis C. Ninegar was born May 27, 1917 at Spencer, South Dakota to Charles and Hazel Williams Ninegar. His family moved to Bayard, Nebraska the next year where he grew to adulthood, and graduating from Bayard High School in 1935. He attended Hastings College for two years and completed his undergraduate degree from Chadron State College in 1941. A masters degree in 1955 and doctorate in educational administration in 1965 were both earned from the University of Nebraska. Lou was hired as a science teacher and coach at Minatare High School in 1941. On August 20, 1944 he was married to Bethine Bruner at Broadwater, Nebraska. They moved to Kearney where he taught and coached at Kearney High and was later principal. In 1958 he joined the faculty at Kearney State College serving as a professor and later chair of the department of educational administration. The Specialist degree was implemented under his leadership. For three years he served as lobbyist for the Nebraska College Board of Trustees. During this time he developed the concept leading to establishment of the 309 Commission. Lou was an active community member. He served ten years on the Kearney City

Council, four terms on the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors, and ten years on the Central Nebraska Technical and Community College Board. He was on the boards of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce, Buffalo County Red Cross, Nebraska Public Retirement System, and Area Agency on Aging. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Lou was recognized by Kearney State and Chadron State Colleges with Distinguished Service Awards. Lou retired in 1982 in order to enjoy hobbies of fishing, hunting, gardening, and reading and to enjoy his family. He died April 9th, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Society in Ravenna. He is survived by his wife, Bethine; son, Steve Ninegar and wife Laura of Elm Creek; daughters, Joanne Greene of North Platte, Jerrie and husband Wayne Quincy of Holdrege and Carol and husband Tom Krepel of Fairmont, West Virginia. Grandchildren; Samuel Ninegar, Matt, Marty, Mark Greene, Jennifer Bonynge, Becky Wood, Ryan, Jay, David Quincy, Patrick and Philip Krepel; and seven great-grand children. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; two sisters and son-in-law, Jack Greene.

Tribute Wall

Louis Ninegar

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM

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Lou Ninegar was a science teacher, par excellence. Stan Tatum and his partner in chemistry class ion the spring of 1951 or 1952 set off a firecracker in the chemistry lab, wow was everyone upset, except Mr. Ninegar. He explained they thought cyanide gas smelled like almonds, but everyone who had smelled it was dead, so rthey could not be sure...SO pay attention to the safety rules when handling chemicals! He also bet one of the boys that the boy couldn't eat 2 malts because the book said our stomachs were too small to hold it--the book said so. So under the guise of a scientific experiment, we all trooped over to the Bluebell creamery to see i8f the kid could eat two malts, I believe he did and Mr. Ninegar paid his tab, The whole class consumed an assortment of Malts, Shakes, and Sundaes and Scientifically proved our stomachs were bigger than the book said!

Georgia "Gifford" Fetterley - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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I was saddened to hear of Lou's Passing. He was my boxing coach and his number one goal was to teach you how to defend yourself as well having a good offense. I have always had a lot of respect for him and know that his loss is hard to bear for you. He is in good hands though as he meets his God.

Dick Wiegand (class of 50) - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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Thoughts and prayers are with the Ninegar family as your mourn the loss of Dr. Ninegar. He was such a figure in Kearney as I was growing up and a wonderful example of an educator and community leader.

Nancy McCammon-Hansen - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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Dear Jo and family, I have such fond memories of your dad.; how he always teased and what a great sense of humor he had. I had him for class and boy was he hard, but I really respected him. Jo, I didn't know where you were living. Peg and I are still in Gerng. I wanted to respond & send my condolences. If you can respond I would love it. Thinking of you! Connie

Connie Sams Kramer - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM