



Michael J. Hanich MD

November 6, 1947 - January 1, 2022

Michael Hanich, MD, 74 of Kearney passed away Saturday, January 1, 2022 at his home surrounded by his family. A funeral mass will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 6, 2022 at St. James Catholic Church with Father Art Faesser officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. The family requests those attending to please wear masks.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Michael John Hanich was born November 6, 1947 in Holdrege, Nebraska to Norman and Anna Marie (Dalton) Hanich. He was raised in Holdrege, NE where he attended Holdrege High School, graduating with the class of 1966. Michael later earned degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and later the University of Nebraska Medical Center. He then served two years in the Army as a physician. On May 3, 1975, Michael was united in marriage to Karen Chalfant in Guthrie Center, IA. To this union three children were blessed. Dr. Hanich was a physician at Kearney Clinic for 34 years, retiring in 2013. He also served as the Medical Director at Mt. Carmel Home until 2019.

He enjoyed golfing, Husker sports, traveling and anything to do with his family. Michael was a member of St. James Catholic Church and the Physicians Emeritus Group.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Karen Hanich; daughter, Kristen Hanich; son, Paul Hanich all of Kearney; grandson, Zackary Hanich-Pasco of Lincoln; sister, Shellee (Mark) Kersenbrock of Omaha; sister-in-law, Robyn Hanich of Olathe, KS; brother-in-law, Gary (Sue) Harlan of Wickenburg, AZ; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents; son, Mark Hanich; brother, Steven Hanich; and his sister, Terri Harlan.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 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 Mass

JAN 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael J. Hanich MD*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I worked as a nurse on 4 th floor. Dr Hanich was always professional, kind, pleasant and just a nice man. So sad to learn of his passing. Our world was a bit better having this gentleman on it. You will be missed Dr Hanich.*

Cyndie Willhoit - February 06, 2022 at 11:00 PM



“ *Dear Dr Hanich, was a treasure to our family. His kind gentle ways were always there for us.He truly will have a special place in heaven! Thank you for always being there for us!
Kathy Pierce & family*

Kathy Pierce - January 06, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *I would like to send my condolences to Dr. Hanich's family. I started seeing him as a patient at Kearney Clinic around 1995 and continued to see him until before he retired. I had a good run of good health around 2011 and didn't get to see him again before he retired. Although there are many reasons, I have not been able to find one doctor I am comfortable going to as I was going to Dr. Hanich all of those years. I thought he was a very nice man, and he was easy to talk to. I wish I would have had the opportunity to have an adult beverage with him, if he drank adult beverages.*

Darin Racek, Lexington, NE

Darin Racek - January 05, 2022 at 03:40 PM

DB

“ As a classmate of Michael in Jr. High we came across a magazine called Black Belt and we began a series of endeavors in hopes of excelling in karate. We covered a cinder block with layers of blankets which were gradually removed. The closer we came to the surface of the block the more our hands hurt, so we gave it up. Maybe this is what led Mike to the health profession. A life well lived.

David Barker - January 05, 2022 at 02:38 PM

WL

“ Mike shall be missed. Being a fellow physician , I can attest to his kindness. Heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family. I miss Kearney and all the friendly people there.



william Lyons - January 05, 2022 at 10:07 AM

WL

“ William Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael J. Hanich MD



william Lyons - January 05, 2022 at 10:03 AM

MH

“ Our condolences to Dr Hanich's family. He took very good care of our family, I know my mom will welcome him in heaven. Prayers for all of you. The Papineau Family

Maria Hollander - January 05, 2022 at 08:54 AM

CW

“ *Dr Hanich was our family doctor for many years. He was a very gentle, kind, caring person and will be missed.*

Connie Wilson - January 04, 2022 at 10:22 PM

CW

“ *Connie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hanich MD*



Connie Wilson - January 04, 2022 at 10:20 PM

SW

“ *We were blessed to have Dr. Hanich as our family doctor for many years when my children were small. I believe that he saved my daughter's life when I brought her in to see him. He immediately went into action and sent us to the hospital where she was diagnosed with Reye's Syndrome. He turned our case over to Dr. Shaffer, but Dr. Hanich continued to check in with us. His kindness and concern will never be forgotten. Our family will always be thankful to him. We send our sympathy and prayers to his family.*
Suzanne Wendorff

Suzanne Wendorff - January 04, 2022 at 04:44 PM

KD

“ *So sorry for your loss. Dr Hanich was our family doctor for many years. We are sending prayers to the family. Douglas, Karen and Shelly Daake.*

Karen Daake - January 04, 2022 at 03:50 PM

JG

“ I am saddened to learn of Dr. Hanich's death. He was my physician for many years and was such a caring, kind human. Please accept my deepest sympathy in your loss. Jana Green

Jana Green - January 04, 2022 at 03:25 PM

AK

“ Dr. Hanich was our family physician for 25 years. He was missed greatly when he retired and will be missed by all. He was a good doctor and a very nice man. Our thought and prayers are with your family.

Amy Kellogg - January 04, 2022 at 12:55 PM

LH

“ Our sympathy to the family for your loss. Dr. Hanich delivered my daughter 38 years ago this Thursday, January 6. I will always remember how calm and caring he was for a first-time mom and dad. He continued to be my doctor when we lived in Kearney. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Lori & Mark Hasty

Lori Hasty - January 04, 2022 at 11:30 AM

TS

“ I worked at the clinic with Dr. Hanich and always will remember him. He had the kindest heart and a sense of humor that we all loved. I remember one time he put a little device that mad a random beep in one of the other doctor's office and literally drove him nuts trying to find it. I think the whole office got more of a chuckle seeing Dr. Hanich laugh at his own shenanigans than the shenanigans itself. I will also remember one quote he said to me often "if it's not broke, don't fix it" He will forever be a memory in my heart.

Tammy schroeder - January 04, 2022 at 07:07 AM

BO

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family! My family lived next door to the Hanich's on McGrew St in Holdrege. Many many wonderful memories.

Betsy McClymont Olson - January 04, 2022 at 07:02 AM

SD

“ Shelly Daake lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hanich MD



Shelly Daake - January 03, 2022 at 09:02 PM

LH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I have so many wonderful memories of working with Dr. Hanich! He was the most kindest, caring, and compassionate person. Everyone loved him. 🙏

Lisa Horsley - January 03, 2022 at 06:02 PM

TK

“ Sorry Shellee And The Family! Happy Memories Of Your Folks And Family There In Holdrege. My Sister Greatly Valued You As A Friend 🥰 We Enjoyed Talking To Your Mom After She Went To The Home. Wonderful Memories Of Fun Times Together Working At Noble Drug Store!! T. E. Kelly. The Cacklebur, Rock Falls.

T. E. Kelly - January 03, 2022 at 03:53 PM

CV

“ *Connie Viter lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Hanich MD*



Connie Viter - January 03, 2022 at 01:50 PM

NH

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy in your loss. I attended school with Mike in Holdrege from grade school until we graduated from Holdrege High School in 1966. He was highly respected as a classmate and later, as a physician. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy Harms & Gerhart Wehrbein*

Nancy Harms - January 03, 2022 at 01:00 PM

LM

“ *Dr Hanich was my Doctor for many years he will be missed God bless you Doc*

Lucille marsh - January 03, 2022 at 11:49 AM