



R. Stephens

September 23, 1932 - June 18, 2013

R. Keith Stephens, 80 Kearney resident R. Keith Stephens, 80 of Kearney, formerly of Elm Creek, died Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at the St. Luke's Good Samaritan Village in Kearney. Funeral Services will be held 10:00 A.M. Monday, June 24, 2013 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Interment will follow at the Elm Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Sunday at the funeral home in Elm Creek and one hour prior service at the funeral home in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to the Elm Creek Fire and Rescue. Condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements. Ronald Keith Stephens was born September 23, 1932 in Elm Creek, Nebraska to Ronald J. and Eliza J. (Smith) Stephens. He received his education from Elm Creek High School, graduating in 1951. He was united in marriage to Dorothy Moore on October 19, 1952 at the Elm Creek First Christian Church. Keith served 8 and a half years in the National Guard. Keith was a lifelong farmer in the Elm Creek area. He was a member of the Elm Creek United Methodist Church, a past church board member and a past member of the Elm Creek School Board. Survivors include his daughters, Valerie Decker and husband, John of Fredrick, CO, Sandra Calvin and husband, David of Holdrege, Sue Diaz-Dulanto and husband, Jorge of Lima, Peru; sons, Dan Stephens of Gibbon, Mark Stephens and wife, Wendy of Elm Creek, Sam Stephens and wife, Michelle of Elm Creek; 13 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; sister, Beverly Jean Schroer

and husband, Fay of Kearney. He was preceded by his parents and his wife, Dorothy Stephens.

Tribute Wall



“ *R. Stephens*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *When going for the odds Dad/Gpa was always there to even that out. We have heard such wonderful stories about him and Mom and know the world has been a better place with them in it. As we say "good-bye" we will never forget how empty our hearts get until they are filled once again.*

Ron & Phyllis Andrijeski - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM



“ *Dearest Stephens Family I am so sorry to learn of your loss. Wishing each of you find comfort in the many memories you've built together over the years. Your father was such a nice gentlemen. In sympathy, prayers and friendship*

Kim (Shubert) Ehnes - August 21, 2013 at 05:58 AM