



Ralph R. Anderson

August 29, 1937 - August 30, 2016

Ralph R. Anderson, 79, of Kearney, died Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, September 3, 2016 at Kearney Evangelical Free Church. Pastor John Fowler will officiate. To honor his wishes, Ralph was cremated.

Memorials are suggested to Kearney Evangelical Free Church or the Nebraska 4H Foundation. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is serving the family. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Ralph Robbins Anderson was born on August 29, 1937 in Genoa, Nebraska to Arthur E., Jr. and Cressa G. (Hutcheson) Anderson. He grew up in Genoa and graduated from Genoa High School in 1955. He then attended the University of Nebraska where he would earn a Bachelor's of Science in 1960. Following graduation, he worked as an extension educator for the Cedar County Extension Office and later the Kimball-Banner County Extension Offices. In 1970 Ralph earned a Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska.

On September 20, 1970 he was united in marriage to Sharon L. Brothers in Dix, Nebraska. The couple made their home in Dix until moving to Genoa in

1974 where Ralph farmed with his brother, Ike. They moved to Kearney in 1984 where Ralph worked at the Buffalo County Extension Office. Mr. Anderson retired from the extension office in 2003 after 33 years, the last 19 with Buffalo County. During his career with the extension offices he was very active with the 4H program and enjoyed working with the equine participants and their horses. In retirement Ralph continued to help with 4H, but most of all he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Ralph lived his life with a servant's heart. He loved God and loved God's people.

Ralph was a member of the Kearney Evangelical Church, the Lions Club International, Gideons International and Kearney Noon Kiwanis.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon of Kearney; two daughters, Debra Gloates and husband Steve of Pennsylvania and Megan Blazek and husband Nathan of Lincoln; a daughter-in-law, DeAnne Anderson of Lincoln; nine grandchildren, Cory Anderson, Briana Bartek and husband Nate, Joshua, Rachel, Ruth and Rebekah Gloates, and Madelyn, Presley and Rowan Blazek; a brother, Ike Anderson and wife Dorothy of Genoa; and three sisters, Nancy Obermeyer of Milford, Harriet Maser and husband David of Sutton and Gail Fischer and husband Chris of California.

He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Scott Anderson; and a grandson, Zachary Scott Anderson.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church
4010 7th Avenue
Kearney, NE 68845
<http://www.kearneyefree.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph R. Anderson*

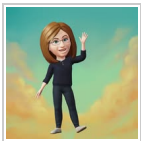
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“ *Sharon and family,
I am so sorry for Ralph's death and praying for God's strength
through this time of grieving. May God surround you with His peace
and comfort during this difficult time.*

Kimberly Rebman

Kimberly Rebman - September 03, 2016 at 04:03 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I was a classmate of his at GHS
Class of 55. My sympathy to all of his family. He was always a
gentleman. May he rest with God. -
Lucy Bosak Koopman*

Lucy Bosak Koopman - September 02, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ *Ralph was a great friend to agriculture in the Kearney area. So
willing to help and interested in all things related to crop production.
He went out of his way to provide me with good and timely
information as a crop consultant. The way he lived his life was a
living witness to his faith and trust in the Lord. May God comfort you
in this time of loss.*

Mark Kottmeyer

Mark Kottmeyer - September 02, 2016 at 03:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph R. Anderson.*



September 02, 2016 at 02:25 PM



“ *Love Terrell and Laurie Shaw and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph R. Anderson.*



Love Terrell and Laurie Shaw and family - September 02, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph R. Anderson.*



September 01, 2016 at 02:52 PM



“ *My daughters showed horses in 4H when Ralph was in Kearney. At state and aksarben Ralph would always find each of them and give them a pat and tell them good luck . He did it so regularly that my younger daughter would not go into the ring until she got her pat. He was a great man and a wonderful friend to all*

Avis Pierce - September 01, 2016 at 01:23 PM