



Ralph Dahlstedt

September 9, 1942 - June 4, 2012

Ralph F. Dahlstedt, 69 of Kearney died, Monday June 4, 2012 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. A memorial service will be 11:00 AM, Friday, June 8th at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. The Revs. Eric Leshner and Rebecca McDermott will officiate. Interment will be held privately prior to the service at Moses Hill Cemetery near Holdrege. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. On-line condolences may be submitted to osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. He was born on Sept. 9, 1942 in Holdrege to Carl and Lucille (Carlson) Dahlstedt. He grew up in Loomis. He was a 1960 graduate of Loomis High School. He attended Kearney State College. He was married to Margene Olson on August 26, 1966 in Holdrege. They later divorced. He moved to Kearney and worked for Good Samaritan Society. He also lived in McCook where he worked in sales for McCook Monuments. He was a member of the church, Kearney Optimist Club where he held local and state offices, loved fishing with grandkids, avid golfer and time spent with family. Survivors include his son, Jason and wife, Jenae of Kearney, daughter, Misha Eilers and husband, Adam of Kearney, grandchildren; Dylan and Addison Dahlstedt, Ethan, Preston and Brooklyn Eilers, brothers, Carle Dahlstedt and wife, Arlene of Colorado Springs, CO and Lee Ray Dahlstedt of Ragan, NE, sisters, Alice Dzvibanek and husband, Richard of Livingston, TX and Ann Forrest and husband, Walt of Ravenna, NE, special friend, Marla Larsen of Grand Island, aunts, several nieces and nephews and cousins. He was

preceded in death by his grandparents, parents and brothers, Don and Fritz.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Dahlstedt*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Ralph....We go back quite a few years...35-40 probably.....We were brought together thru the Optimist Club...Fireworks, Watermelons... Ralph is a great Optimist, lived and promoted that lifestyle...Very Active both as a leader and follower....Alot of work and most of all a lot of fun spent together....Attended many State conferences here in Kearney and around the state. Very special times when Ralph and I coached the Optimist Pony League Baseball team....I did not know much about pitching and Ralph had done some of that growing up I assume with legion teams around his home area.... we worked great together, had some great players, and teams and won a couple of league championships here in Kearney. I still have scrapbooks from that time period.....We drank a lot of rootbeers and burgers at A & W and Kings Food Host after games and either bitched or smiled about the results....I still have one half of a dollar bill that we tore in two, each having a half so we would not be broke if we got together and put the bill back together... Later years I would chat with Ralph when running into him while he worked at the Younes Properties. Also would chat to each other at Perkins during some meal times.... Both Vickie and myself have great memories of time spent with Ralph and Margene.....Will cherish all those great thoughts forever..... Larry and Vickie Hanks Box 68 202 North Sycamore Street Amherst, NE 68812*

Larry Hanks and Vickie Hanks - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ To the Family and Friends of Ralph Dahlstedt... We of the Kearney Optimist Club were extremely saddened to learn of your loss. Ralph was a faithful Optimist in every meaning of the word. We all had the greatest respect for Ralph and his cheerfulness and lighthearted humor will be greatly missed by the club members. As a Past-President of the Kearney Optimist Club and Past-Governor of the Nebraska District of Optimist International, Ralph was dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." He was instrumental in numerous service projects in the community aimed at providing a helping hand to youth. He and you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely,
Kearney Optimist Club Andy Hanson, Club Secretary

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“ Marla, I'm so sorry for your loss. I couldn't believe when Eric told me Sunday night at Hastings, that Ralph was in the Hospital and it wasn't good news. I still don't know how to get a hold of you as you are not in the phone book. Just know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Ralph always had a beautiful smile. As you know he was a very loving man and always happy. God's Blessings be with you and your family Marcia Lemmerman

Marcia Lemmerman - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM