



Ray E. Bickford

May 6, 1946 - December 29, 2021

Ray E. Bickford, 75 of Kearney passed away Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at his home. The family will receive friends 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at Guide Rock Cemetery in Guide Rock, Nebraska.

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.

Ray was born May 6, 1946 in Kearney to Wilbur and Dolores (Ingram) Bickford. He grew up in Kearney and attended Kearney High School. He was united in marriage to Barb Pritts on March 12, 1976 in Norton, Kansas. The couple was blessed with two children, Mandy and Ben. Ray built grain bins and later did masonry work. He retired from UNK after many years of employment. He enjoyed, going to casinos, talking about old cars but most of all, cherished his time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Barb Bickford of Kearney; daughter, Mandy (Barry) Stearns of Ewing, NE; son, Ben (Dawn) Bickford of Kearney; grandchildren, Barrett and Colten Stearns and Landon and Hailey Bickford; sister, Tovey Srack of Kearney; as well as many extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; five sisters; and his step-father.

Cemetery Details

Guide Rock Cemetery

Guide Rock, NE

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
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Graveside Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guide Rock Cemetery
Guide Rock, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Ray E. Bickford*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Barb, Ben and Mandy,
John and I were so sorry to hear about your
husband and Dad passing.
We sure have a lot of great memories of him
and all of you! He was a perfectionist
but whatever it was when he was done was amazing.
I know you all will cherish your memories and lean on each other.
Take care of each other and remember your Mom is
going to need extra love and support.
Barb I'm so sorry we didn't know or we would have been there for
you.
We love you guys,
Your in our thoughts and prayers,
John & Karol*



Karol Johnson - January 24, 2022 at 09:26 AM



“ *Derrick purchased the Country Basket Blooms for
the family of Ray E. Bickford.*



Derrick - January 04, 2022 at 02:34 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ray E. Bickford.*



January 04, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ray E. Bickford.*



January 03, 2022 at 09:33 PM



“ *Cliff and Janelle Woodbury purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Ray E. Bickford.*



Cliff and Janelle Woodbury - January 03, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ *Steve Walline purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Ray E. Bickford.*



Steve Walline - December 31, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ *What a great Uncle he was! He always called me stump due to my short stature. haha Always joking around and always helpful when we needed him. He will be missed!*



Connie Baxter - December 31, 2021 at 11:52 AM

SB

“ *Sharie Peters Brown lit a candle in memory of Ray E. Bickford*



Sharie Peters Brown - December 31, 2021 at 07:21 AM

JC

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Ray. Sending my prayers for comfort to his family. Enjoyed getting to know Ray, Barb & their family through the Tim & Jackie Pritts family.*

Judy Cass - December 30, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray E. Bickford.*



December 30, 2021 at 03:16 PM