



Dr Raymond W. Heuke

October 2, 1922 - November 3, 2013

Dr. Raymond W. Heuke, 91 of Kearney died Sunday, November 03, 2013 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM, Friday at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. The Revs. Eric Leshner and Rebecca McDermott will officiate. Inurnment will be in the church columbarium. Visitation will be 5-7 PM, Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. The body will be cremated following the visitation. Memorials are suggested to the church. Online condolences may be shared at osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond was born October 2, 1922 in Tecumseh, Nebraska to William and Hattie (Wolken) Heuke. He was baptized and confirmed in the Martin Luther Church in rural Johnson, Nebraska. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska and was a 1951 graduate of the UNL School of Dentistry. He was married to Marvel Phillips in Hay Springs, Nebraska on July 22, 1951. That same year he began the dental practice in Kearney which continued for more than 50 years.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church, the Nebraska Dental Association, the International College of Dentistry, and the Woodbury Study Group.

Dr. Heuke was a true renaissance man. He and Marvel traveled much of the world together. He especially enjoyed returning to the area of Germany where his family originated. The Heukes loved Arizona and traveled to Green Valley

virtually every year for more than forty years, eventually spending several months there each year.

A lifelong aficionado of art, Ray began painting after his retirement and completed many beautiful works. In later years, he enjoyed participating in senior college classes offered in Green Valley and at the University of Nebraska Kearney.

Ray loved spending time with family and especially enjoyed the annual Heuke family reunions.

He is survived by his wife, Marvel, of Kearney, and his sisters-in-law Leola Heuke (Lincoln) and Carol McAllister (Moline, IL), six nieces, and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Wilbur.

Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr Raymond W. Heuke



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - November 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dr Raymond W. Heuke

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Marvel,*
I just heard yesterday that Ray passed away last year. My sincere sympathy to you. I have many fond memories of times when I was a child and we would visit you at your home in Kearney and at the lake. You were always so good to Tom and me when we lived in Kearney and so kind to take care of Angela when she was a baby so we could have a night out. I know my mom and dad cherished the friendship they had with you for so many years. My thoughts are with you.

*Mary (Herzog) Lemke
Lincoln, NE*

Mary Lemke - February 12, 2014 at 02:57 PM

TH

“ I was working in the lab at Dental School in 1974 when Dr. Norm Carlson came in and said "I want you to meet somebody, this is Dr. Ray Heuke." After a little visiting I figured out he was my grandfather Henry Heuke's first cousin. I was really surprised because I thought I was going to be the first Dentist in the family. He invited me to come to his office and home in Kearney for a week for the preceptorship program. I went and that opened the door to family history to me. I had a great week in his office and his home. He treated me like family. He brought out the old family photos and talked about the Heukes, Borenphols, Meyers, Benzingers, and Schepmans. Names I'd never heard about but couldn't wait to learn more about. My grandfather died in 1958 when I was 6 years old, so I never heard much about the family before him. What a great time we had. He planted the seed that led to a family history search for me that culminated in a book written by Fred and Margaret Heuke, another one of his cousins. It brings me great sadness to hear he has passed away. I just learned of this yesterday (2-10-14) in a notice in Cornhusker Impressions. Marvel, I greatly enjoyed that week I spent with you and Ray in December 1975, and I hope your sadness has become a little less by now. Sincerely, "cousin" Tom Heuke

Thomas E. Heuke - February 11, 2014 at 08:54 AM

JL

“ My condolence to the Heuke family. I remember as a kid going to his dentist office above the old ABC drug store (I am sure that was the office) and then going to his new office on 39th Street. All of the Bill Long family from Amherst were patients of his. From baby teeth thru college he was my dentist.

*John Long
Alexandria, VA*

John C. Long - November 11, 2013 at 07:08 AM

IG

“ *Marvel:*

My thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days ahead. I am so thankful you and Ray have had these many years together. You have indeed been a role model for a great marriage. Ray opened his dental office about the same time as Ken started to practice law and we have been friends ever since. We have enjoyed community activities, bridge supper club, & etc. It has been fun getting together in Kearney, Green Valley & Tucson, Az., as well as here in Co. Ray was a dentist that made our children feel at ease. Both of you always welcomed them too as adults, not only in Kearney, but Az. and Co. I thank you for wonderful times to be remembered with you and Ray. May God be with you and give you strength as times go forward.

Love,

*Ilene Gotobed
Centennial, Co.*

Ilene Gotobed - November 07, 2013 at 05:39 PM

NG

“ *Marvel -*

My thoughts and prayers to you and the family. Ray was such an amazing guy! I still remember my dental visits to his office as a kid. I especially remember, waking up 'in the chair' one time - I'd fallen asleep...I don't know still how long I slept, but he left me to my nap! lol! I asked if we were done, he said, no, no, he just waited til I woke up! I was so embarrassed, and amazed that he just let me sleep! I've so enjoyed my life long association with you two - you've been great, and treasured friends of Mom and Dad, too. So many wonderful memories I have of Ray, (both of you), always full of smiles and laughs, and such an example of the way we should conduct ourselves, and treat people. I always enjoyed getting to see you and Ray on your way to AZ!

Love you

Nancy Gotobed

Nancy Gotobed - November 07, 2013 at 11:08 AM

DH

“ *I missed him very much when he retired. A memory I cherish, is a Friday night my cap on a tooth fell off. I called and he told me to meet him at the office on Saturday at 7:00 A.M. I showed up and he preceded to put on a temporary. I had to hold the equipment for him, since there was no assistant there. He said he was headed out of town at 7:30.*

Thank you for the years of care and friendship. You will be greatly missed.

Denver Hartwell

Denver Hartwell - November 06, 2013 at 11:20 PM

SD

“*Marvel...I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Heuke's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. In time the wonderful memories will comfort you. I will never forget the time I spent working in your office. Dr. Heuke was always so kind to his patients and to his employees. The care and dentistry he provided to his patients was superb. I learned a lot about dentistry and how patients should be treated from him. It was difficult to leave his employment when I moved to Houston, TX. I always enjoyed the visits to the office when I would return to NE to visit family. I also have fond memories of the time I met up with you and Dr. Heuke at an American Dental Association held in Las Vegas. We didn't have much time due to our schedules, but it sure was fun.*

*Sharon Dahlstedt
Houston, TX*

Sharon Dahlstedt - November 05, 2013 at 03:09 PM

JW

Rest in peace

James Dirk Wolken - November 27, 2013 at 12:44 AM