



## Richard E. Mueting

July 7, 1938 - June 28, 2022

Former Madison County Attorney, Norfolk lawyer, and Permanent Deacon, Richard E. Mueting, passed away on June 28, 2022, at Mt. Carmel Home, Kearney, Nebraska. A Memorial Mass will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 7, 2022 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney with Father Neal Hock presiding. Inurnment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. The memorial mass will be live streamed through St. James' YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgneR79pPfOIJCb-dQqiHUA> The family will receive friends 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney followed by a 7:00 p.m. Vigil/Prayer Service.

Mueting was elected Madison County Attorney in 1962 on a write-in ballot and served until 1966. He then served as legislative aide to Nebraska Senator Roman Hruska and Minority Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C. until 1968. He moved back to Norfolk and took up private practice until his retirement. He was a founding member of the Norfolk Catholic Schools Foundation in 1972 and served on the board for 28 years. He was ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church in 1979 and served Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church in Norfolk. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #1793 and Knights of Columbus Msgr. Robert Burns Assembly #606, as well as Sertoma and Rotary clubs in Norfolk.

Richard Eugene Mueting was born July 7, 1938 in Norfolk, Nebraska to

Raymond and Mary (Leise) Mueting. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1956 and Creighton University in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree, summa cum laude and in 1962, first in his class, with a degree in Bachelor of Laws, replaced by the degree Juris Doctor in 1968. He married Patricia A. Schmitt July 27, 1957 at Sacred Heart Church in Norfolk. He was a Marine Reservist from 1956 to 1961.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, a sister, and two brothers-in-law. He is survived by his wife Patricia, children, Timothy (Patricia), Denise Falcon, Cynthia Volk, Steven (Angela), Angela Sundleaf (Timothy), and Paul (Mandy); sisters Mary Kelley (Don) of Lincoln, Patricia Neumann (the late Denis Neumann) of Lincoln, Ann Mueting (Brian Stanton) of Raymond, brothers Donald (Jean) of Eagan, Minnesota, Robert (Tanis) of Denton, and Joseph (Karen) of Spencer, Iowa, sister-in-law Lynn Matson (the late Paul Matson) of Denver; 13 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and beloved relatives.

Memorials are suggested to Angel's Way at Mt. Carmel Keens Memorial Home or to Norfolk Catholic Schools Foundation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Previous Events

## Family receiving friends

JUL 6. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Vigil / Prayer Service

JUL 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

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JUL 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard E. Mueting*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *To Patty and family: I wanted to let you know I was thinking of you. I was remembering all the fun golf games we had and coming to visit you. It seems like so long ago but not really. About a week ago I thought about you both and thought of calling. But didn't do it. I was shocked to see Rich's picture in the paper. From now on I plan to pay closer attention to some of the thoughts that come to mind, they truly are special messages. Thoughts and prayers go to you and your family.*

*Your friend always, Sharon Adams*

Sharon Adams - July 11, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ *Dear Pat and family,*

*We are sad not to be with you for the celebration of Richard's life. As you know, he was a remarkable man, husband, father, brother, lawyer and a servant of God. So many accomplishments in one life. He was a seriously wonderful lawyer and public servant. His work as a deacon demonstrated his dedication to the Lord's work. But I'm sure Richard would agree his greatest legacy will be the wonderful family that you and he created together. We will miss him. May God bless you all and bring you peace.*

*Don and Jean Mueting  
Eagan MN*

Don and Jean Mueting - July 06, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard E. Mueting.*



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July 06, 2022 at 04:50 PM



“ *Patty. Rita & I are so very saddened to see this obituary of our very dear friend, Dick. I will never forget my extremely pleasant painting partner in 1961 asking me if I might have an extra \$10 he might borrow so he could purchase some bread & milk for you & the kids until we could get paid for the house that he & I were painting that summer.*

*We were partners indulging in the house painting business in Omaha awaiting our last year of law school.*

*He was a wonderful partner as I know he was as husband, father & certainly as a lawyer.*

*He was my outstate good friend who I will miss Patty. God bless you! Dan Dolan.*

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**Daniel G Dolan** - July 06, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *i was in the same small graduating class of 1962 with Rich, suffering the same trauma as he dd during the 3 years at Creighton Law. The freshmen year had over 120 students and the graduating class was about 33 total. Richard had incredible talents and was admired by all. He leaves big footprints.*

*Bro Mike LaFrance, CFC*

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**Mike LaFrance** - July 06, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard E. Mueting.*



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July 06, 2022 at 11:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard E. Mueting.*



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July 05, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ *Tom Delay purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard E. Mueting.*



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**Tom Delay** - July 04, 2022 at 04:29 PM

“*Pat and family: I was sorry to hear of Dick’s passing. He was a great friend for fifty some years, and a partner in the practice of law for fourteen years. I remember competing with Dick on the basketball court from the time I was fourteen to the time he graduated in 1956, and becoming acquainted when we joined in the firm of Mueting & DeLay in 1973. He was an excellent attorney with an exemplary ethical and moral standard. He was respected by his clients, peers and the judiciary. He liked the corporate, estate, and tax side of the law and devoted most of his practice to those fields of law. He could try a case, “as we put it,” he knew where to put his feet in a courtroom. He was a joy to have around with a ready smile and helping hand.*

*During the partnership we crossed a number of bridges. I remember when we opened our office in the Bestt building we had room in our library for a rest area and bar. Such big shots to be able to relax and have a drink after a hard day. The problem was we did not know how to limit the drink, the result was, we removed the bar and quit drinking! That gave us some extra time, Dick turned to religion, and I bought an organ. Dick was ordained a Deacon in the church, and I had two recitals. Our practice grew. We bought a building on Taylor and 13th street, and included associates and partners in our practice. Joel Carlson was our first associate . . . a wonderful fellow. He left our practice to join the County Attorney. Dick Spittler joined the firm as a partner. Although Spittler was a good Christian, he wasn’t as demonstrative as Mueting. When Mueting started playing Christian music in his office (next to Spittler’s) Spittler would raise his eyebrows. When Mueting started pasting the picture of Jesus on his files, Spittler started muttering, and when Mueting started burning incense in his office, Spittler decided to open his own office! We all had a good laugh about it. Ross Stoffer joined the office as an associate, and later as a partner. He was and is an excellent attorney and now Judge. I left the office in 1987 to join my father in the banking business. I missed my day to day contact with Dick. He was a mentor to me, a loyal supporter, and a partner in life. Dick made a difference in my life, and in this world.*

*Thomas H. DeLay  
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*PS Pat I cannot make the funeral or memorial service. I am  
scheduled for a heart cath and other tests at the Lincoln Heart  
Hospital for July 6.*

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**Thomas DeLay** - July 04, 2022 at 04:12 PM

DF

*Thanks Tom for all your support and a fast recovery on your procedure!  
Denise Muetting Falcon*

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**Denise Falcon** - July 05, 2022 at 11:55 AM

DD

*Dick Mueting was among the Norfolk lawyers who made me feel welcome when I moved town in 1974.*

*Dick referred a case to me my first week in solo practice after leaving the law firm I originally joined. The referral made my cash flow for the first couple months; I was, and am, grateful.*

*I remember trying the case with Dick. I asserted an objection to testimony from an adverse witness early. The Judge sustained the objection. The result was that the other side requested a recess, and trial never resumed. Dick and I celebrated with a Dairy Queen cone as I recall!*

*That day, and dozens of times thereafter, Dick would smile and say "Got any good objections in your pocket today?"*

*When I left Norfolk in 1989 I hoped Dick Mueting would always consider me a friend. I did him.*

*Dick was a good person. Best wishes to his family.*

*Dave Domina  
Omaha NE*

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**Dave Domina** - July 06, 2022 at 10:36 AM

ID

*Mary & Ivan have many great memories in Norfolk and Sacred Heart Parish. Wonderful family especially Tim, a 4th Degree Knight. Our prayers are with Dec. Richard, Pat, and Family. The Van Dykes*

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**Ivan Van Dyke** - July 06, 2022 at 03:30 PM

DM

*My deepest sympathy to the Mueting family. He was a nephew to my husband, Robert L Mueting. I'm sorry to have lost contact with him and the extended family. Rest in Paradise, wonderful Servant 🙏🙏*

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**Dixie Mueting** - July 06, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard E. Mueiting.



July 04, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ I appreciated the times that Richard and Patricia provided eucharistic ministry at CHI Health Good Samaritan, and the fellowship and that we enjoyed. Blessings to Patricia and family.  
Frank Parrington.

Frank Parrington - July 03, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ Paul and family prayer for all of at this time

William F. Cunningham - July 02, 2022 at 08:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard E. Mueiting.



July 01, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ Our love & thoughts to Pat and Family on the passing of Richard.  
  
Larry & Judy Hilkemann

Larry & Judy Hilkemann - June 30, 2022 at 10:26 AM

MA

*Pat and family so sorry.to hear of Dicks passing. Prayers to all of you. Wish i could make it butcan no longer drive.*

**Mary Abboud** - July 02, 2022 at 06:33 PM

JD

*He was a wonderful man*

**janey dubad** - July 04, 2022 at 03:57 PM

JT

*To Pat and family: So sorry to hear of Dicks passing. He was a great man and attorney. I started working for Dick, Tom Delay and Ross Stoffer after my divorce and worked for them as office manager and thoroughly enjoyed my time at the law office.*

*Enjoyed knowing all the family and had stopped several times to visit with you Pat and Dick while visiting in Kearney.*

*Hope you are doing well Pat and will stop and see you when in Kearney. Prayers for all of you!*

*Jeanette Tims.*

**Jeanette Tims** - July 05, 2022 at 11:53 AM

JT

*Pat and family: So sorry to read of Dicks passing and love and prayers to all of you.*

*I started working as office manager for Mueting, DeLay and Stoffer after my divorce and worked there many years. He was a wonderful man and a great person to work for.*

*Was glad I got to visit with Dick and you Pat in Kearney when I visited there, and will try to stop on next visitor but peace to you and all the family.*

**Jeanette A. Tims** - July 05, 2022 at 12:07 PM

JM

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Pat and family. Our condolences. Bill and Jeanette Moser*

**Jeanette Moser** - July 07, 2022 at 05:49 PM

RS

*Upon graduation from law school I was fortunate to be mentored by Dick Mueting and Tom DeLay. When I started with them, Dick's mother Mary was our office manager. She was a wonderful person and Dick and his siblings inherited many of her attributes. After I had proven my competency, I was entrusted with family legal matters such as being a Career Day presenter for Paul's class. Over the years Dick and I had many conversations not only about the law, but also about family and faith. I came away from many of those conversations with insights that I still use and carry today. Dick certainly planted many seeds during his day, watered them along with watering seeds that had been planted by others, and is no doubt now able to see the bountiful harvest that he has had a hand in. One need look no further than to his "senior citizen" children for examples of his influence. My wife Maggie and I express our condolences to Dick's family and thank you for sharing him and yourselves with us.*

*Ross Stoffer*

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**Ross Stoffer** - July 08, 2022 at 02:49 PM