



## Richard Stacy

October 24, 1935 - March 17, 2016

Richard Stacy, 80, of Kearney died Thursday, March 17, 2016 at his home. Memorial services will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at New Life Assembly Church with the Rev. Roger Wendt and Rev. Bob Wine officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the American Legion Post #52 and VFW Post #759 in conjunction with the Nebraska National Guard Honors Team.

Richard J. Stacy was born in rural Buffalo County, October 24, 1935 to Harry and Mildred (Majer) Stacy north and west of Ravenna on the farm of his grandparents, Joe and Millie Majer. He attended East Ward Elementary in Ravenna until the fifth grade when he moved to North Platte and graduated from North Platte Senior High with the class of 1953. He was employed by the Union Pacific railroad as a machinist apprentice in 1954 when he enlisted in the U. S. Army Transportation Corps and served 27 months in Germany and France as a Diesel Locomotive Repairman. In 1957 he entered the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree. At the University he was initiated into the Sigma Tau Engineering Honorary and was awarded the student medal for academic excellence. In 1960 he married Marlys Nelson and to this union, two children, Kimberley and Mark, were born. After graduation, he and Marlys moved to Kearney where he worked with the Helleberg & Helleberg architectural firm. In 1966 he passed the architectural license exam and, in 1970, became a partner and principal in the firm of Great Plains Engineering and Architecture. Marlys died

of cancer in 1972. In 1977, Richard married Peggy (Janitscheck) Criffield. Peggy was a widow with two children, Timothy and Brent. Together they raised their blended family to be loving and caring siblings and adults. In 2000, he joined the firm of Miller & Associates. During his fifty years of architectural practice he was responsible for the design of numerous projects in Nebraska, as well as the states of Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Illinois. He was also active in many civic and professional organizations, including serving as President of the Nebraska Society of Architects, Kearney Chamber of Commerce and West Central Nebraska Home Builders Association. He enjoyed sports and remained active throughout his life and especially enjoyed the fellowship and camaraderie of the NBA (Noon Basketball Association.)

At the age of 12 he asked Jesus to be the Lord of his life and several years later received adult baptism at First Lutheran Church in North Platte. At the time of his death he was an active member of New Life Assembly of Kearney where he had taught Sunday School classes, led small groups, participated in various drama productions and missions' projects and had served on the Church Board.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who tried to instill in his children a love for God and the conservative values of hard work and thrift learned while growing up in the years following the great depression.

Memories will be cherished by his loving wife, daughter, Kimberley Stacy and wife Jeanne Pasteris of Centerville, MA, sons, Mark Stacy, his wife Nicola, and their sons, Jacob and Benjamin Stacy, of Marstons Mills, MA, Timothy Criffield, his wife Aliisa, and their children Noah, Zac, and Elliana Criffield, of Kearney, NE, and Brent Criffield, his wife Courtney, and their sons Jake Arenz, Colton and Anson Criffield, of Ravenna, NE, and brother, Larry Stacy and wife Rhonda of North Platte, NE.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marlys Nelson Stacy, parents Harry Stacy and Mildred Ickes, stepfather, Miller "Bud" Ickes and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

**MAR 23.** 10:30 AM (CT)

New Life Assembly  
2715 West 39th Street  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Stacy*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Scott J Sanders lit a candle in memory of Richard Stacy*



Scott J Sanders - May 02, 2016 at 11:53 AM



“ *I had the great honor to work with Mr. Stacy for many years at Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers in the Architectural Department. He was a joy to work with everyday! He was the consummate professional and brought the values of his life into his work, making every project we worked on together a success for the company and the client. I had the joy to watch him work out difficulties on projects effortlessly, while bringing illuminating solutions to bear that were of immense use to me on future projects. He will be greatly missed as a friend, professional and an Architect. God Bless you Dick and his entire family.*  
*Scott J Sanders*

Scott J Sanders - May 02, 2016 at 11:52 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Dick's family and friends. I will always remember his kindness and friendship with our family, especially my mother, Phyllis, who was his secretary for many years.*

Kathryn Bjorklun Inman - March 30, 2016 at 04:49 PM

SK

“*Dick was a very active member of the American Institute of Architects in Nebraska. He was a strong ambassador for the Western Chapter. His wisdom and sense of humor will be greatly missed. He had a big heart and was always friendly. I am deeply sorry for your loss. Sara Kay, Executive Director, American Institute of Architects, Nebraska Chapter.*

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**Sara Kay** - March 25, 2016 at 09:22 PM

KH

“*I remember Dick fondly from when he worked at my dad's architect's office when I was a child. He was such a nice man. Sincerely, Karen Helleberg*

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**Karen Helleberg** - March 24, 2016 at 03:18 PM

 Marla Holthusen

“*Dearest Peggy, Kim, Mark, Tim ,Brent and Family. It is with a heavy heart we are unable to attend the service for our wonderful friend Dick. We are praying for each of you. We love you and respect you. Dick was a true believer and lived a life of high integrity. He was compassionate and shared godly wisdom. He left a precious cherished impact upon our hearts. From our hearts to yours, we share your grief and offer our love, prayers and support. Sincerely, Dale and Marla Holthusen*

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**Marla Holthusen** - March 23, 2016 at 06:53 AM

ML

“*Thinking of you-*

*The Lantis Family-  
Mary Ellen, Cammy, Wendy, Leah and Travis*

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**Mary Ellen Lantis** - March 22, 2016 at 12:54 PM

CH

“ Peggy it's been many years since we have had contact but I do think about the days when we were single in Ravenna. The years have passed swiftly-both of us were married about the same time. I send my condolences to you and your family-not only for the loss of Richard but also Maxine. May God comfort you and wrap you in his love.

*Carol(knerl) Hunt  
Pennsylvania*

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**carol hunt** - March 22, 2016 at 10:31 AM

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“ Anna M. Sobotka-Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Richard Stacy



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**Anna M.Sobotka-Schroeder** - March 21, 2016 at 04:17 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dick Stacy. Such a great man. I was very privileged to get to know Dick through noon basketball at NLA and also through attending church at New Life Assembly. I viewed Dick as such an inspiration and was so impressed with his desire to live life as full as possible while striving to be more and more like Christ. We pray that his family feels Christ's peace and comfort during this time. With Love, Brent and Wendy Bauer

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**Brent Bauer** - March 21, 2016 at 09:12 AM

SD

“ Dick Stacy has left a great legacy as being a man of God and integrity. He was a man of his word and cared for other. A great example both he and Peggy were of parenting. Duane played basketball with Dick at noon. Great fellowship and encouragement. Dick was an architect of people and building. He will be missed. Prayers for comfort and blessings to Peggy and family. Duane & Sherry Dye

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**Sherry Dye** - March 21, 2016 at 08:42 AM

PH

“ My heartfelt love and thoughts go to you, Peggy, and family at the passing of Dick. I have always held Dick in high esteem as a Godly man. I will always remember the Bible Studies we had at your house. We rejoice that he is now resting in the arms of Jesus. With much love, Pat Henry Denver, CO

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**Pat Henry** - March 20, 2016 at 12:51 AM

BS

“ To the Stacy family I had the great good fortune to be a baby sitter for Mark and Kim when they were young. I went to Iowa State and earned a B.F.A. In Interior Design due in part to Dick being an architect and his passion for his work. It was a wonderful man with great children and a kind and beautiful wife. Kim and Mark I would love to get in touch with you. Kim I have your address but I would like to get a phone number. Gary Strattman knows how to get ahold of me or you can contact me on Facebook Thinking of you and sending my prayers. Barb Schroeder Omaha

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**Barbara Schroeder** - March 19, 2016 at 08:19 PM



*“ We have been privileged to know Dick Stacy and to call him our friend. What a Godly man! What a great example of a loving and caring husband, father & grandfather. He will be missed greatly by many. He was loved by many. He was loved by us!! With sincere love & sympathy to Peggy and the rest of the Stacy family.  
DuWayne & Marilyn Nelson*

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**Marilyn Nelson** - March 19, 2016 at 07:31 PM



*“ Dick will always be apart of me. We shared Bible classes together and I can say he is a great inspiration for me. I'll remember him as a strong caring man. I will see him again! Jay Isaac*

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**Jay Isaac** - March 19, 2016 at 05:57 PM



*“ We always enjoyed being around Dick. He had a smile for everyone and lived his life in Christ for all to see. Don and Sabina Frank*

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**Sabina Honeychurch Frank** - March 19, 2016 at 02:43 PM



*“ May God bless your family as you lay to rest your husnand, father, grandfather. O will always remember working with "Dick" in the Christmas productions at New Life. I always thought there was something special /gentle in his voice that drew people in to the prefotmances. He will be remembered fondly. Jay and Linda Isaac*

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**Linda Isaac** - March 19, 2016 at 02:35 PM

LD

“ Kim- We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. We know he was a good, hard-working man in order to raise a wonderful person like you. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and Jeanne, Mark and the rest of your family. May he rest in peace and never feel pain again. Please let us know if you need anything. Love, Linda and Cathy, Plymouth, MA

Linda Dalton - March 19, 2016 at 01:58 PM

AH

“ May The Lord Jesus bring you peace Peggy. I remember the Noon basketball, years ago, when Dave Kelly and I played once in awhile. Dick was a great guy and I truly admired Him. He always had kind words for those around him. We will miss him greatly.

Allen/Nancy Hammar - March 19, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Stacy.



March 19, 2016 at 09:17 AM

MG

“ Dick: I was always blessed by your comments as to how well I played the organ. Easter Sunday when I "pull out all the stops" for the Resurrection hymns, I will be honoring you to play those pieces, but most of all , knowing that you have experienced the gift that Christ provided via an empty tomb! Rest in peace, friend. May you rejoice forever with your Lord! Musically: Marty Garringer

Marty Garringer - March 19, 2016 at 01:03 AM

DJ

“ We are so sorry for your great loss. Dick was one of those people that was so easy to love. He was an incredible man. He will be missed by many. Mark & Debbie Jacobsen

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**Debbie Jacobsen** - March 18, 2016 at 09:51 PM