



## Robert G. Armstrong

April 5, 1963 - February 20, 2024

Robert G. Armstrong III, 60 of Kearney passed away Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney with Pastor John Gosswein officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 5th, 2024 at the funeral home.

Rob was born April 5, 1963 in Fremont, NE to Robert Armstrong, II and Patricia (Schlichtemeier) Armstrong. He was raised near Bassett, NE and graduated from Rock County High School in 1981. Rob went on to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and played football for the Cornhuskers from 1981-1984 where he was part of two Orange Bowl teams.

Growing up, Rob enjoyed playing multiple sports, hunting with his dog Buck, fishing at Harlan's pond, working on the ranch, playing cards, and riding his horse, Gidget. Rob loved to sing throughout his entire life and was even known to sing at a wedding or two.

Rob was united in marriage to Debra Griffith on December 12, 1987 in Lincoln, NE. To this union he was blessed with two children.

After college, Rob returned to Bassett and worked with his mother, Pat at Armstrong Agency and raised his young family. Rob eventually moved to Minden where he continued his work in the insurance industry. His final move took him to Kearney where he first worked at Killion Motors and then Central Hydraulics.

Rob was very involved with the American Legion Club and spent many evenings having dinner with friends. Most of all, Rob loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and family.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Trace (Hannah) Armstrong and Callie (Dalton) Kenning; grandchildren, Collins Armstrong and Maverick Kenning; father, Tom Thompson, Lincoln, NE; brothers, Michael (Roxann) Armstrong, Rockton, IL, Troy (Nancy) Thompson, Bella Vista, AR; sister, Kim (Dale) Theisen of Lincoln, as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Rob was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Angel Dreher.

Memorials are suggested to the Kearney American Legion. 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.

# Previous Events

## Family receiving friends

MAR 5. 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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info@osrfh.com  
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## Memorial Service

MAR 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ No words can express the sadness that all of us who knew Rob are feeling My thoughts and love go out all his family and friends. Rob will always be Robbie to me, the pain in our backside little brother of Angel. I didn't have a little brother so I always loved watching how he and Angel would fight but always had each others backs when I got to stay over at their home. So many of my memories of my childhood have Robbie like a thread that is woven into those moments . Faculty parties where the kids ran around sneaking snacks, sleepovers, riding Red the pony who hated me (Robbie trying to get that cinch tight on that dang pony...I had a scar for years from that day riding on the railroad tracks), singing with Robbie my senior prom theme & at Cheryl & Jay's wedding (his amazing voice saved the duets every time) and his laughter. So many little moments over the years , from toddlers to adulthood, it's hard to separate them.

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**Angela Johns** - March 05, 2024 at 08:24 PM

MB

“ Marleen & Jerry Beals purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert G. Armstrong.



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**Marleen & Jerry Beals** - March 05, 2024 at 11:26 AM

MB

“ Rob was a very kind and caring guy. 😊  
He sold me my last 2 vehicles at Killion Motors and I still have my 2012 Acadia.  
I couldn't have asked for a more personable, caring & amazing salesman than Rob.  
Rob will be missed very much and it breaks my heart 💔 that he's gone so soon. 😞  
All of Rob's Family & Friends are in My Thoughts & Prayers!! 🙏  
God Bless All Of You!! 🙏  
RIP: God's Precious Angel 🙏 Rob Armstrong!!

Monica Behrendt-Nadeau

Monica Behrendt-Nadeau - March 04, 2024 at 06:15 PM

TJ

“ Trace and Callie - I'm so sorry for your loss. May his light continue to shine in you.

Taresa (Albers) Jacobsen - March 04, 2024 at 03:31 PM

LL

“ Lea L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert G. Armstrong.

Lea L. - March 04, 2024 at 03:03 PM

LL

“ Lea L. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert G. Armstrong.



Lea L. - March 04, 2024 at 03:03 PM

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“ Nebraska Farmers Network (NFN) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert G. Armstrong.



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**Nebraska Farmers Network (NFN)** - March 02, 2024 at 02:58 PM

GV

“ George and Vicki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert G. Armstrong.

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**George and Vicki** - March 01, 2024 at 05:33 PM

GV

“ George and Vicki purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert G. Armstrong.



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**George and Vicki** - March 01, 2024 at 05:33 PM

KF

“ KenKids and families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert G. Armstrong.



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**KenKids and families** - February 25, 2024 at 03:23 PM

BH

“ *My sincere condolences and prayers to Rob's family. I will miss our conversations, including smack talk, at the Legion. RIP brother.*

*Bob Harpst*

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**Bob Harpst** - February 23, 2024 at 05:01 PM

JA

“ *To the family of Rob Armstrong. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. I came to know Rob through my son Mike Kenton. Rob was a kind and caring person. We had many chats about his children and my grandchildren and their experiences during their High School Activities and how proud he was of his family. He will be missed..*



*Rest in Peace, My Friend...Judy Adams*

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**Judith Adams** - February 23, 2024 at 01:42 PM

BB

“ *There are no words that can take away the sorrow you're feeling ~ praying for comfort and peace during this most difficult time 🙏*

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**Brenda Hansen Bartz** - February 22, 2024 at 10:18 PM

KS

“ *1 file added to the album Rob*



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**Kim & JT Shaw** - February 22, 2024 at 07:57 AM

KM

“ Karen & Fritz Messer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert G. Armstrong.

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**Karen & Fritz Messer** - February 21, 2024 at 06:09 PM

KM

“ Karen & Fritz Messer purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert G. Armstrong.



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**Karen & Fritz Messer** - February 21, 2024 at 06:09 PM