



Roger D. Slack

January 20, 1951 - July 24, 2023

Roger D. Slack, 72 of Kearney passed away Monday, July 24, 2023 at his home surrounded by family. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 29, 2023 at Gibbon Baptist Church with Pastor Taylor Shippy officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon. Visitation will be held 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are suggested to Gibbon Baptist Church. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Roger was born January 20, 1951 in Kearney, Nebraska to Donald and Berniece (Smith) Slack. He was raised in Gibbon where he was a 1969 graduate of Gibbon High School. He later attended Kearney State College where he played football his freshman year. In 1971, Roger would leave school to take over the family trucking company. On June 16, 1973, Roger was united in marriage to Debra Christensen at the Gibbon Baptist Church in Gibbon, NE. To this union four children were blessed.

Roger was an active member of the Gibbon Baptist church serving as a trustee and on many committees. He enjoyed bowling, golfing, playing cards and going to coffee with the guys. Most of all, Roger loved going to Husker games and attending his grandchildren's numerous events.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Debra Slack of Kearney; children, Cristopher (JaLena) Slack of Seward, Michael (Kerri) Slack of Gibbon, Patrick (Jennifer) Slack of Kearney and Peggy (Jordan) Schmidt of Round Rock, TX; 8 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; siblings, Lynn (Janet) Slack of Gibbon, Ramona Kay (Dan) Webster of Gibbon and Beverly (Chris) Tolbert of Oklahoma City, OK; aunt, Betty Slack of Logan, UT; brother-in-law, Brian (Brenda) Christensen of Victoria, TX; as well as, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents; and in-laws, Gerald and Janice Christensen.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **28.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gibbon Baptist Church
705 Court St
Gibbon, NE 68840-6228
(308) 468-5323

Funeral Service

JUL **29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Debra and family, know that I share your grief at Roger's passing. He always had a smile whenever I saw him. Though Roger is gone, Jesus is with you for those days when you miss Roger so much and feel you just can't carry on. As the song says, "Oh, yes, He cares, I know He cares, His heart is touched with my grief. When the days are dreary, the long nights weary, I KNOW my Savior cares!"

Dorothy Beam - July 28, 2023 at 07:06 PM

JM

“ Jesse M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger D. Slack.

Jesse M. - July 28, 2023 at 11:48 AM

RW

“ I’m sure the many accolades for Roger have been overwhelming. He was truly one in a million and so many things can be said to describe his life. Among others, he was a true friend, always ready to support and encourage those around him.

I’d like to share one brief memory of Roger that to me illustrates a couple key aspects of his personality. I’m not sure bachelor parties were a thing 50 years ago, at least not in our circles, but Roger was my bachelor party. I spent my last day as a single guy with him, and I think that day pretty much characterizes his approach to life.

We spent several hours that afternoon finishing up some work he had to do, stacking bales in the hot August sun. It was dark by the time we hoisted the last bale into place, so we did what any tired, sweaty guys would do, we went out to Windmill recreation area, and went skinny dipping in one of the lakes there. That was probably the only time I ever went skinny dipping in my life, and I have Roger to thank for that! And that was how he helped me conclude my single life.

But that day was a good reminder that Roger never shied away from hard work, and neither did he shy away from having fun. These two attributes are only two of many that characterize my good friend and cousin.

But now he is experiencing first hand what to us is only theory. We talk about God being a spirit, He is love, He is all powerful, all knowing, present everywhere.... but we don’t really understand what all that means. But now Roger knows, and he is in the presence of an infinite God, enjoying real life to the fullest.

from robert weeks

Robert Weeks - July 28, 2023 at 06:00 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Roger D. Slack.*



July 28, 2023 at 12:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roger D. Slack.

July 28, 2023 at 12:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger D. Slack.*



July 27, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family. I will always remember the auction we did in Gibbon a few years ago. It was a good time by all. I think about the advise he gave me & I haven't forgot it yet. Sherry & I want the family to know you are in thoughts & prayers. Thank you Roger!*

Ken E Bramer - July 27, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Roger D. Slack.*



July 27, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger D. Slack.*



July 27, 2023 at 02:42 PM



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July 27, 2023 at 10:31 AM



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July 27, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger D. Slack.



July 27, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger D. Slack.



July 27, 2023 at 09:06 AM



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July 26, 2023 at 02:26 PM

KN

“ Sending my condolences to Deb and family. I have so many fond memories of Junior and Senior High years, especially the dances at the IOOF hall. Wish I could be there for the services.

Karen Nielsen - July 26, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger D. Slack.



July 26, 2023 at 10:40 AM

JM

“ Hugs being sent to all the family! I hadn't seen Roger in a while but last time I did we were able to visit just like the old days of the Turkey Plant and the Cafe. Good man gone to soon. Jeffery Murr

Jeffery Murr - July 25, 2023 at 09:38 PM