



Sidney R Sheldon

January 24, 1934 - November 16, 2020

Sidney Sheldon, 89, of Kearney passed away Monday, November 16, 2020 at St. John's Good Samaritan Home in Kearney due to complications of Covid-19 and Parkinson's. A graveside service will be held 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2020 at Kearney Cemetery with Pastor Roger Wendt officiating. Military honors will be provided by the American Legion Post #52 and VFW Post #759 in conjunction with the Navy Funeral Honors Teams. We will meet outside of the cemetery gates on 44th Street and process to the grave together. The family will receive friend 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. Masks will be required at both the visitation and the graveside service. The family requests those attending to wear Husker or UNK attire.

Memorials are suggested to AseraCare Hospice as a thank you for their tireless work or to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Sidney Ray Sheldon was born January 24, 1931 in Kearney to Earl and Pearl (Byerley) Sheldon. He grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School. His parents and the 12 children settled in Kearney and farmed land during the Depression years. A very proud family that survived war time including Sid during the Korean War serving in the Navy in Kodiak Alaska

from 1952-1955, and Coronado Island, San Diego, CA.

Sid enjoyed coffee with his friends, UNK volleyball games and above all else, the Huskers. He was a lifelong resident of Kearney. Sid worked as an insurance agent for Indianapolis Life until 1986. He worked most recently for close to 30 years with Culligan Water, retiring at the young age of 81. During those years, he also worked for Kearney Raceway Park for 26 years for his brother Carroll.

His love for his kids, the Huskers and his close friends Ron Payne, Ron Mallum, Jim Cudaback and Wayne Garrelts were always most important. The void of losing his eldest child Lynn in 1989 was a loss that could never be filled, however, Carol, his daughter-in-law that led him to accept Jesus as his savior was a beautiful gift and always called her “daughter.”

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Scott Sheldon and wife, Carol of Kearney, Lita Madison and husband, Gary of Beatrice and Lori Reed and husband, Bill of Orlando, FL; grandchildren, Tory, Christine, Ryan, Jake, Jennifer, Matthew, Brandon, Trevor, Megan, Anthony and Amanda; along with numerous great grandchildren and one great great grandson; brother, Darrell Sheldon; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Sid was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Lynn Sheldon; grandson, Abraham Zimbelman; brothers, Floyd, Harold, Meri, Leon, Stan and Carroll; sisters, Beulah, Verna, Doretha, and Violet.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sidney R Sheldon*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *My husband and I would like to thank everyone who stood with us, in our time of deep sorrow. Dad loved his community and was very active where he was needed. To Wayne G., Ron P., and all of dad's closest friends, I want to extend an extra thank you for the friend you were to my dad. He talked about you all the time and considered you family. His love for his family is the only thing that exceeded his love for the Nebraska Huskers football team. If you started a conversation about the Huskers, you had to be prepared to match your wits with him. “I have forgotten more than you will ever know about the Huskers,” he used to say - and he was proud of it.*

To all of you, at this Christmas season, we want to wish you lots of love, lots of hugs, and memories that will carry you the rest of your lives. Merry Christmas to all of you, from my dad and me. We love you so much.

Lita Madison - December 17, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *We were so sorry to read of Sid's passing. He was just a wonderful guy who, with great passion, loved his family and his community. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family now and in the days ahead.*

Jim and Julie Brooker

Julie Brooker - November 21, 2020 at 02:36 PM

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“ I am saddened to hear of Sid's passing and our thoughts and prayers are with his family. NO one could tell more about the history of the Huskers than Sid, he had a memory like no one else. I loved to listen to him tell about some of the interesting events and occasions he experienced. Sid was a big part of Kearney and he truly loved his home town.
He will be missed by many. May he rest in peace.
Robin & Judy Marshall

Robin Marshall - November 19, 2020 at 09:45 PM

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“ Sid was also a very proud graduate of Longfellow (Kearney) High School in the Class of 1949. He was active in planning reunions for his class and the Kearney High School all-class reunions. He was very proud to call Kearney his hometown.
-Dianne Lamb

Dianne Lamb - November 19, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sidney R Sheldon.



November 16, 2020 at 08:17 PM