



Terry L. Eirich

March 6, 1960 - December 10, 2025

Terry Lee Eirich, age 65, of Kearney Nebraska, passed away at his home on December 10th, 2025, after a lengthy fight against cancer.

Terry was born on March 6th, 1960 in Scottsbluff Nebraska to Eileen Schnee. Terry grew up in the Scottsbluff/ Gering Nebraska area and moved to Sioux County Nebraska in the 8th Grade.

Terry attended and graduated from Sioux County High School in Harrison, Nebraska. Following high school, Terry attended Central Community College in Hastings Nebraska and later graduated with an Associates degree in Welding Technology.

Terry married his high school sweetheart, Deborah Eirich on June 7th, 1980. Terry and Deb made their home in Kearney Nebraska. Terry and Deb celebrated the births of their two sons, Christopher Eirich and Drew Eirich. Terry and Deb later welcomed their four grandchildren, Shea, Paige, Jack and Elliot.

Terry was a Boy Scouts leader, a soccer coach for his sons and a member of the First United Methodist Church. Terry's primary passion was serving his community through his dedication and membership to the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department. Terry proudly served the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department for 38 years. During his fire department career, Terry held every leadership rank in the department, including the rank of Chief between 2010 and 2015.

Terry's greatest passion within the department was training and fire prevention. Terry loved teaching new firefighters and pioneering modern, advanced fire training for tenured firefighters from all over Nebraska. Terry had a special passion for conducting fire prevention programs and firefighter museum presentations for the youth of Kearney and surrounding communities.

Terry worked for Bamford Inc. in Kearney Nebraska for 36 years as a welder and fire sprinkler systems manufacturer. In 2015, Terry moved on to his dream career as the Fire Inspector for the City of Kearney. Terry served in this role for the final 10 years of his career. Terry also worked as a firefighting instructor for the State of Nebraska Fire Marshall's Office. During his professional career, Terry was honored with numerous commendations and awards recognizing his achievements. Prior to his passing, the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department awarded Terry with the Legacy of Service Award and dedicated their training tower in his name. Terry's legacy will forever live on in the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department training facility; a place he devoted his life's work to.

Terry is survived by his wife, Deborah of Kearney Nebraska; his Son Christopher, daughter in-law, Donna and grandchildren, Paige and Jack of Hickman Nebraska; his son Drew, daughter in-law Kelly and grandchildren Shea and Elliott of Bruning Nebraska; his brother in-law Marvin Taylor and sister in-law Kathy Angelino of Parker Colorado as well as numerous other extended family members.

Terry was preceded in death by his mother, Eileen Schnee; his grandparents Alex and Molly Eirich and his mother and father in-law Lea Lu and Kenneth Taylor.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 16th at 10:30 am at First

United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive in Kearney. Burial will take place at Kearney Cemetery 4400 Avenue I following the funeral service. The service will also be live streamed through the church's website at <https://www.kearneyfirstumc.org/watch-online>

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department. Condolences may be shared online at 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

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Terry L. Eirich in memory of Terry L. Eirich*



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - December 12, 2025 at 05:35 PM

JA

“ *Hugs and Prayers Deb to you and your family during this very difficult time. We are really never prepared for losing our partner and the love of our life. I have lots of treasured memories during my time working at PSAC.*

Just want you to know I am thinking of you all and will be watching the services online. If there is anything I can do for you, let me know.

Friends always...Judy



Judy Adams - December 14, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Terry L. Eirich.*



December 12, 2025 at 05:24 PM

RP

“ Randy and Mardi Pallas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry L. Eirich.

Randy and Mardi Pallas - December 12, 2025 at 05:24 PM

KW

“ Deb and family. Terry will be missed by so many family members, friends and co-workers. He touched a lot of souls. We always enjoyed his friendship and laughter. We'll cherish the memories. With our deepest sympathy.

Kim, Sue, Lindsey & Josh.

Kim D. Wright - December 11, 2025 at 07:42 PM

DS

“ Deb and Family

So sorry to hear of Terry's passing. Cherish the memories and know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave & Trudy Saults - December 11, 2025 at 04:49 PM

IS

“ Integrated Security Solutions purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Terry L. Eirich.



Integrated Security Solutions - December 11, 2025 at 04:12 PM

AD

“ Amherst Volunteer Fire Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Terry L. Eirich.



Amherst Volunteer Fire Department - December 11, 2025 at 10:31 AM

AD

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Amherst Volunteer Fire Department - December 11, 2025 at 10:31 AM

LT

“ Lincoln Jr Stars 8U team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Terry L. Eirich.



Lincoln Jr Stars 8U team - December 11, 2025 at 10:05 AM

CD

“ Camryn Pelster, Elgin Vol. Fire Dept. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Terry L. Eirich.



Camryn Pelster, Elgin Vol. Fire Dept. - December 11, 2025 at 07:25 AM

CD

“ *Camryn Pelster, Elgin Vol. Fire Dept. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Terry L. Eirich.*

Camryn Pelster, Elgin Vol. Fire Dept. - December 11, 2025 at 07:25 AM

DL

“ *Dean, Jeanie, Jake, Cory, Renee. Logan purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Terry L. Eirich.*



Dean, Jeanie, Jake, Cory, Renee. Logan - December 10, 2025 at 10:17 PM

DF

“ *Hugs and prayers to the family!*

Darleen M Farwell - December 10, 2025 at 08:29 PM

DF

“ *Darleen M Farwell lit a candle in memory of Terry L. Eirich*



Darleen M Farwell - December 10, 2025 at 08:28 PM