



Thomas D. Anderson

July 31, 1937 - July 8, 2024

Thomas D. Anderson, 86, of Kearney passed away Monday, July 8, 2024, at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Kearney Cemetery followed by a celebration of life at First Lutheran Church at 11:00 am. The Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson and Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson will officiate. Visitation will be held 5-7:00 p.m. Friday, July 12, 2024, at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Thomas Dean Anderson was born July 31, 1937, in Minden, Nebraska, to Arnold and Isobelle (Carlson) Anderson. He received his education from Axtell High School, graduating with the class of 1955. Following high school, Tom was a catcher for the New York Yankees Farm Team in Kearney. Tom went on to attend Luther Jr. College in Wahoo, NE and later Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS, earning his degree in 1959. Tom taught in Marquette, KS until moving to Kearney, NE in 1967. It was in Kearney that he met the love of his life, Kari Keating, and they were united in marriage on August 14, 1968, in Sidney, NE. The couple made their home in Kearney. Their son Casey was born in 1972 and daughter Jennie in 1976. Tom was a teacher and coach at Horizon Middle School and cross country coach at Kearney High School. Tom retired from teaching in 1999.

Tom was a longtime member of First Lutheran Church where he was active in

choir and the First Four Quartet. He also sang in the Messiah and was a member of the board of the Axtell Oratorio Society. He was a charter member of #1733 Barbershop Chorus. Tom enjoyed music and athletics, having run nine marathons during his life. He loved the Nebraska Cornhuskers. In retirement, he enjoyed his coffee groups.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Kari Anderson of Kearney; children, Casey (Debra) Anderson of Fountain Hills, AZ; Jennie Anderson of Omaha; grandchildren, Elliot Anderson of Flagstaff, AZ and Olivia Anderson of Fountain Hills, AZ; brother, James (Twila) Anderson of Kearney; as well as nieces, nephews, extended family, and many friends. Tom was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials are suggested to First Lutheran Church and Bethany College. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Service 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

Visitation

JUL 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Graveside Service

JUL 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
3315 Ave G
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Anderson.*



July 11, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ *Tom and Val Swanson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas D. Anderson.*

Tom and Val Swanson - July 11, 2024 at 09:15 PM



“ *Jennifer and Mitch Kennedy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas D. Anderson.*

Jennifer and Mitch Kennedy - July 11, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ *Jennifer and Mitch Kennedy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas D. Anderson.*



Jennifer and Mitch Kennedy - July 11, 2024 at 03:19 PM

RM

“ Ramsey, Stacey, Abbey and Helton Mills planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas D. Anderson.

Ramsey, Stacey, Abbey and Helton Mills - July 11, 2024 at 11:27 AM

RM

“ Ramsey, Stacey, Abbey and Helton Mills purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas D. Anderson.



Ramsey, Stacey, Abbey and Helton Mills - July 11, 2024 at 11:27 AM

DF

“ Dave and Sheryl Hamilton & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas D. Anderson.



Dave and Sheryl Hamilton & family - July 11, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DF

“ Dave and Sheryl Hamilton & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas D. Anderson.

Dave and Sheryl Hamilton & family - July 11, 2024 at 11:05 AM

TF

“ The Norblade Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas D. Anderson.



The Norblade Family - July 11, 2024 at 08:53 AM

LF

“ Love Colleen Graham Black and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas D. Anderson.

Love Colleen Graham Black and family - July 10, 2024 at 11:21 PM

LF

“ Love Colleen Graham Black and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Thomas D. Anderson.



Love Colleen Graham Black and family - July 10, 2024 at 11:21 PM

CM

“ Cathy and Dan Martin purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas D. Anderson.



Cathy and Dan Martin - July 10, 2024 at 11:07 PM

PC

“ 2 files added to the album 1977 Nebraska State Cross Country Champions



Philip Cudaback - July 10, 2024 at 04:37 PM

CW

“ I had the pleasure of being Tom's "virtual sister-in-law" - having served as maid of honor in Kari and Tom's wedding. He has always been a gentleman and friend....fun, faithful, family-man, and talented in so many ways (sports, voice, humor, story-telling). He loved the Lord...praying and worshiping regularly, serving in the choir, and singing praises solo, or in the quartet as well. I join his dear family and many friends as we celebrate his life, and warm each other with the precious memories we've shared over the years. What a blessing Tom has been for these nearly 87 years God has shared him with us. He is now at home where there is no pain and no sorrow. It will be a joy to spend eternity with him. - "See you soon, Tom." (Meanwhile, I offer my sympathy to Kari, Casey, and Jennie, and the entire Anderson family. You will miss him and so will I.) Love, Celesta (Weise)

Celesta Weise - July 10, 2024 at 01:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas D. Anderson.



July 10, 2024 at 01:12 PM

SD

“ *Coach Anderson was a great influence early in my life. Stew D*

Stew D - July 10, 2024 at 10:59 AM

VK

“ *It has been a real pleasure to me to have acquaintance with Tom and Kari. They have been a great support to me during my stay in Kearney. My sincere condolences to the family and specially to Kari. I know Tom will be missed greatly but his beautiful memories are with us forever. May his Soul Rest in Peace*
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vani kotcherlakota - July 09, 2024 at 05:30 PM