



Dr. Timothy B. Garth

August 6, 1981 - August 17, 2021

Dr. Timothy Garth, 40, of Kearney, passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney with his wife, Michelle, by his side. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 27, 2021 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Inurnment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Open Visitation will take place Thursday, August 26 from 5-7pm at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested 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.

Timothy Brian Garth was born August 6, 1981 in North Platte, NE to Michael Garth and Therese McCarthy. He grew up in North Platte, and as a kid enjoyed books, filmmaking, and playing at Grandma's. He attended St. Patrick High School, graduating in 2000. Afterwards, Tim attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, and received a bachelor's degree in art education in 2005. After graduation, he taught elementary art at Papillion-LaVista Public Schools and high school art at Columbus High School. While teaching, Tim went on to earn his master's degree from the University of Nebraska-Kearney in 2011. His passion for art education then led him to the University of North Texas where he earned his doctor of philosophy in 2016. After receiving his doctorate, Tim

was a professor of Art Education at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and most recently at UNK. Throughout his education and professional career, Tim received numerous prestigious awards, fellowships, and research grants. He was an artist and a passionate educator, who dedicated his life to advocate for arts education and mentoring teachers and students.

On July 1, 2006, Tim married Michelle Boell in Kearney, their 15 years of marriage were filled with love, laughter, and many adventures. Their greatest being the birth of their beloved son, Oliver, in 2019. Tim's greatest joy was spending time with Ollie making art, reading stories, playing with their dogs, and fostering his love of the great outdoors. Tim was a devoted husband, father, and friend. He always made his family and friends a priority. He was a kind, loving, outgoing, and charismatic man who never met a stranger. He was a best friend to many. Tim loved the arts, music, a good craft beer or whiskey, and was an avid Huskers and Chiefs fan. He also relished his role as founder, commissioner, and multiple time champion of their fantasy football league.

Tim waged a long, hard-fought, courageous battle, and we are very proud of him. He was a ray of positivity, goodness, & light. He will be missed by many. He won, he is free.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Michelle Garth of Kearney; son, Oliver Garth of Kearney; father, Michael Garth of North Platte; sister, Katherine Garth of Omaha; brother, Daniel Garth of St. Louis, MO; grandmother-in-law, Dixie Boell of Holdrege; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Robin and Doug Boell of Kearney; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Stacey and Mike Wendell of Bertrand; nieces and nephews, Kaylee, Landon and Addison Andersen and Peyton and Olivia Wendell; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family and friends.

Tim was preceded in death by his mother, Therese; brother-in-law, Ronald

Andersen, Jr; grandparents, Myron and Catherine Garth and L.R. and Mary Alice McCarthy; grandparents-in-law Art and Ramona Heins and Benjamin Boell.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

AUG 26. 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>

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Timothy B. Garth*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Mr. Garth taught our son at Columbus High. I recently saw this in regard to Nebraska sunsets and thought it was appropriate to share with his family. I hope there 's still some way they'll see it: "Every time an artist dies, God lets them paint the sky that night to say goodbye."*
May he rest in peace.

Beth - September 09, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ *Tim was a light. His kindness and consideration encouraged the people around him. We're sorry for your loss.*

Mark Hartman - August 27, 2021 at 10:57 AM



“ *Dr. Garth was my best childhood friend, a cousin I looked up to and admired. For my entire life. He taught me that it was ok to be a kid, when I forgot how. Later in life, he showed great examples on how to live as a man. He will be deeply missed, although I can feel his presence in the air and night sky. Never a bad moment when this guy was around. Roll on, Dr. McGarthy, Roll on.*



Joshua Lawrence McCarthy - August 27, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy B. Garth.*



August 26, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy B. Garth.*



August 26, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy B. Garth.*



August 26, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy B. Garth.*



August 26, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy B. Garth.



August 24, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ We pray for your husband’s father’s soul and know he is not physically suffering any more . May his memory be eternal.



tim o’dea - August 24, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ Thoughts and Prayers to you. Dr. Garth was one of my favorite professors at UNK. He opened my eyes to so many wonderful things that will forever change the way I teach art. He was an amazing teacher and will be very missed.



Morgan Hagan - August 23, 2021 at 08:32 PM



He was my best mentor ever 🥹🥹🙏🙏

Summer Cash - November 18, 2021 at 07:01 AM

LB

“ Tim was such a good colleague and friend to have as grad students in art education in Texas! Both being from Nebraska, we had a lot in come despite a 30 year age difference. I know Tim's soft spoken approach and kind ways were a blessing in the Art Ed departments he joined and I am sorry for all of us in losing him way too soon. Earl and I extend our deepest sympathy to Michelle, Ollie his siblings, and Dad.

Liz Langdon and Earl Bates - August 23, 2021 at 07:58 PM

ML

“ Working with Dr. Tim Garth in the art education department, was both an honor and a pleasure. Besides being an incredible scholar with such a deep understanding of our field and how art education can shape lives, Tim was always kind and thoughtful. I am grateful for the time we were able to work together. My thoughts go out to his family.

Maria Leake - August 23, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy B. Garth.



August 23, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy B. Garth.*



August 22, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *Rest In Peace #51. I can remember you playing with a sprained ankle your sophomore year at center in our last game and watching you running up to the line with the limp and giving it your best. Enjoy Gods kingdom*

Dan Prosocki - August 22, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Dr. Garth was my research instructor this Summer. I remember him for his kind character, and brilliance and exemplary professionalism in administering his duty. I believe that I have a sacred duty to continue this model throughout my professional practice. I am sure his life impacted everyone positively someway. It is through this that we must comfort ourselves about his lost and be strong for the way forward.*

Chester Anderson (Student at UNK)

Chester Anderson - August 22, 2021 at 07:08 AM



“ *Our condolences to the Garth family during this difficult time. Very sorry for you less. Tim was a very smart, very funny guy, and I am glad to have known him.*

Doug Waterfield - August 21, 2021 at 04:15 PM

AB

“ I knew Tim briefly when our time overlapped as graduate students at the University of North Texas. Though our interactions were limited, I have vivid memories of his bright smile, strong laugh, and generous spirit. He brought such joy to everyone who interacted with him, and I feel lucky to have met him.

Annette Becker - August 20, 2021 at 11:23 AM

DM

“ My family's sincere condolences. In the short time we were faculty peers I found Tim to be genuinely kind and intellectually rigorous. He was also a very funny person to be around. A gaping hole in our group has been left by his passing.

Dan May - August 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Timothy B. Garth.



August 20, 2021 at 10:42 AM