



Val A. Lane

June 18, 1957 - July 18, 2025

Val A. Lane, 68 of Kearney passed away Friday, July 18, 2025 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at St. James Catholic Church with Fr. Josh Brown officiating. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Val was born on June 18th, 1957 in Valentine, Nebraska to Paul and Leona (Ring) Lane. He grew up in Ainsworth, Nebraska before moving to Kearney. He received his education from Kearney High School and graduated in 1975. Val was united in marriage to Sherry (Espenhover) on September 8th, 1979 in Kearney, Nebraska. Together they raised two children, their daughter Jennifer and son Brian. Upon graduation, Val worked for Stanal Sound Company as a sound engineer. He traveled and toured around the world with various music artists. Val and Sherry opened their own television repair business Comstock TV, later becoming Central Electronics in Kearney. In their younger years they also owned and operated Black Rose Disco. Val later was employed by WAITT Radio as a radio engineer and most recently served as a contract engineer servicing radio and television stations across Nebraska. Val was so dedicated to his work in the engineering field that he was inducted into the Nebraska Broadcaster's Association Hall of Fame in August of 2023. Val enjoyed flying airplanes and pursued building his own Velocity airplane. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. In high school he

loved photography and developing film. Val loved to fly his drone and ride his motorcycle with his wife.

Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Leona Lane of Kearney; wife, Sherry Lane of Kearney; daughter, Jennifer (John) Ryan of Ansley; son, Brian (Roxy) Lane of Kearney; grandchild Ava Lane of Kearney; brother, Kevin Lane of Pearblossom, California; sister, Julie (Monte) Arnold of Miller; sisters-in-law, Jackie (Mike) Carpenter of Gilmore City, IA and Deb (Keith) Smith of Kearney; as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Val was preceded in death by his father Paul Lane.

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.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 23. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

RL

“ We are so sorry to hear this. If we had known, we would have come to Kearney. God bless all of the family.



Richard and Sandy Lewis - July 25, 2025 at 06:01 PM

DP

“ I have known Val since the 7th Grade and Sherry since age 15 or 16. I was his Best Man at their wedding. We got our pilots license the same day and we were business partners. Very simply, Val knew right from wrong, an attribute in increasingly short supply.

I was shocked when I got the call from Sherry, a more devoted wife and partner than one could imagine. It is my fervent desire that Sherry and her family's sorrow be lifted soon.

Dave Pulver - July 23, 2025 at 09:32 PM

CB

“ Very sorry to hear of Val's passing. I have enjoyed working with Val for many years in the radio industry. He will be greatly missed. Sending my sincere condolences to all his family and friends. - Carolyn Bell, RCS- Ogallala

Carolyn Bell - July 23, 2025 at 01:17 PM

AF

“ *Andrea and John Bengtson and Family purchased the Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set for the family of Val A. Lane.*



Andrea and John Bengtson and Family - July 23, 2025 at 11:47 AM

DC

“ *Sherry and family - I can't express how sorry I am at Val's passing. So generous with his time and knowledge, always working in the background to make us (so many broadcasters) sound much better than we deserved, no one knows better than you how he was counted upon in the toughest situations and at all hours. Not just a colleague, but a great listener and friend has been taken from us. Have strength.*
Dirk



Dirk Christensen - July 22, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Val A. Lane.*



July 22, 2025 at 12:20 PM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Val. Clyde always enjoyed visiting with him about flying, etc, and went to him a few times for info on electronics, as he'd say Val would know. My sincere sympathy to all of you, and prayers for comfort. Joan E Mickelsen

Joan Mickelsen - July 21, 2025 at 10:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Val A. Lane.



July 21, 2025 at 07:21 PM



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

July 21, 2025 at 07:21 PM

HC

“ Heather Chacon lit a candle in memory of Val A. Lane



Heather Chacon - July 21, 2025 at 05:45 PM

JC

“ Jennifer, John, Sherry & Family;

Sending our condolences to all during this difficult time. May peace be with you.

Jesse Coffman & family

Jesse Coffman - July 21, 2025 at 04:47 PM

RS

“ *I had the honor and privilege to know Val while growing up. He was class of 75, while I was class of 77. Like me Val was interested in electronics. He was clearly the smartest, and most clever individual I knew when it came to electronics! I was working at Stanal Sound, and was going to leave the company. They asked if I knew anyone who should come to the company. I thought of Val, and referred him to apply at Stanal Sound. I was so pleased and proud to learn how successful he was a Stanal. I knew he had the talent. I left Kearney and pursued a career in Law Enforcement. Many years past by... While patrolling my district outside of Omaha, the local FM radio station from Omaha went off the air for maintenance. KQKY from Kearney now came in, where the DJ was shouting at Val, his Engineer! I though, could he be shouting at Val Lane? I pulled up to a phone booth, and called KQKY on the phone. The DJ would not believe me when I told him I was listening to them from Omaha, so I asked to speak to Val, his Engineer. Sure enough! Val answered the phone! We talked for about a half hour, catching up. It was good! That was the last time Val and I visited. That was over 25 years ago... I wish I would have kept in touch...*

Randy Schulze - July 21, 2025 at 03:36 PM

BD

“ Broadcast Depot purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Val A. Lane.



Broadcast Depot - July 21, 2025 at 11:46 AM

BD

“ Broadcast Depot planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Val A. Lane.

Broadcast Depot - July 21, 2025 at 11:46 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Val A. Lane.



July 21, 2025 at 11:21 AM

SS

“ Val was an exceptional supporter and friend to KLPR at UNK. I got to know him and Sherry over the last year after I moved to Kearney. I can say, without a doubt, he was one of the good guys. Working with him was fun. Rest in peace Val, you made the world a better place.

Stephanie Sandlin - July 21, 2025 at 10:57 AM

JF

“ Jenny, Molly, & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Val A. Lane.



Jenny, Molly, & Family - July 21, 2025 at 08:50 AM

JF

“ Jenny, Molly, & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Val A. Lane.

Jenny, Molly, & Family - July 21, 2025 at 08:50 AM

MK

“ Margaret Klimek lit a candle in memory of Val A. Lane



Margaret Klimek - July 21, 2025 at 08:35 AM

SM

“ Val... one of the good guys that worked for us at Stanal Sound in Kearney. May he rest in peace and fly onward. We were blessed to have him on our team in the past. Stan retired and pushing 85 pretty hard. stan_miller@mac.com

Stanley Miller - July 20, 2025 at 05:45 PM

RS

Hat's off to you Mr Miller! You're right, Val was one of the Good Guys! Best Wishes to you...

Randy Schulze - July 21, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Val A. Lane.*



July 20, 2025 at 02:38 PM



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

July 20, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ *Judy Hinnners and families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Val A. Lane.*



Judy Hinnners and families - July 20, 2025 at 11:10 AM



“ *Judy Hinnners and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Val A. Lane.*

Judy Hinnners and families - July 20, 2025 at 11:10 AM