



Vincent Frank Barresi

October 7, 1948 - July 4, 2024

Vincent Frank Barresi, 75 of Kearney, died July 4th, 2024, at the Country House in Grand Island, after a struggle with renal failure. Memorial services are 10:30 A.M., Thursday July 25th at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the Nebraska Broadcasters Association Scholarship or the Kearney Area Animal Shelter. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Vincent was born in Detroit, Michigan on October 7th, 1948 to Frank and Joann Barresi. He attended Austin Catholic Prep in Detroit and graduated from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. He was a lifelong fan of the Detroit Lions and the MSU Spartans. After graduating from Michigan State University, he entered the television advertising world being hired by Ted Turner as the youngest local sales manager at that time for WCNC in Charlotte, North Carolina. His career path continued to excel becoming a Vice President and General Manager of many top major market television stations across the country, including Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia and Tampa. He finished his career with Sinclair Broadcasting, KHGI Nebraska TV (NTV) in Kearney. He worked with the NTV staff for the past 18 years and retired in June of 2022. Vince had a strong compassion for

people which was reflected in his deep respect and friendships that developed with the NTV staff. He was proud of his Italian heritage and cooked his family's recipes for all to enjoy. He was especially pleased to have dual citizenship from the United States and Italy. He adored animals and loved history, especially American military history. He was a fan of Frank Sinatra and Godzilla.

He is survived by sons Anthony (Edith Villasenor) Barresi of Carlsbad, California, Curtis (Kevin Milkovich) of Orlando, Florida; daughter Marissa (Mitch) Scott of Orlando, Florida; grandchildren Madeline and Maxwell Scott; Zachary Monti of Denver, Colorado and Matthew (Aubrey) Monti of Hendrix, Oklahoma; former wife of forty years, Linda Schwartz Barresi of Orlando, Florida, a sister, Linda (Dennis) Zimmer of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and his dear friend and companion, Janis Lovitt of Kearney, her son, Cole (Cody) Lewandowski of Hazard, and their children, Capri and Crue.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Frank Monti.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **25**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vincent Frank Barresi



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - July 27, 2024 at 12:58 AM

MS

“ My lifelong best friend who I will miss as I always have and cherish each and every memory of him forever in my heart! You were very special dear “bear” and thank you for the love you always gave to me! 💕💕

Margo Schuch - July 24, 2024 at 04:38 PM

BY

“ Bruce and Maureen Yeager purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vincent Frank Barresi.



Bruce and Maureen Yeager - July 22, 2024 at 11:36 AM

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“ Bruce and Maureen Yeager planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vincent Frank Barresi.

Bruce and Maureen Yeager - July 22, 2024 at 11:36 AM

MS

“ My dad loved two things above all others - famiglia & the Detroit Lions. Sundays in our house were filled with football whistles from the TV, the aroma of home cooked sauce, and the laughter of friends and family. I've never been a huge football fan much to his dismay despite his many efforts trying to teach me the rules in the car on the way to school. But, when the Lions made the playoffs this past year, I sent him videos of my kids watching and cheering. I still have the text from him, “beautiful.” And that's the life my dad led - a beautiful one where he loved hard. He will be missed ☐ I love you, dad - Dips

Marissa Barresi Scott - July 13, 2024 at 09:27 AM

KM

“ Vince's legacy of generosity and love for the Detroit Lions, Michigan State Spartans and all things Italian will live on in our memories. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate the person he was and the impact he had on each of us.

Kevin Milkovich - July 12, 2024 at 09:07 PM

LW

“ Lin & Vicki White purchased the Ocean Breeze S
pray for the family of Vincent Frank Barresi.



Lin & Vicki White - July 10, 2024 at 10:27 AM

CA

“ I've had the pleasure of working with Vince at NTV for 13 years. He was a fair, and hands-on-top-of-the-table type boss that always gave credit where credit was due. He didn't hesitate to pass on to his superiors at the Corporate level the accomplishments of his staff. The year that we went under new ownership, he received a bonus payout from former owner, Pappas, that he insisted be shared with his staff.

He wasn't just a boss, but a personal friend. With his Italian heritage and dual citizenship, and my experiences having lived in Italy for two years, we had a lot of stories to share. We got to know each other's families and friends, but it wasn't just me, he was compassionate when any staff member had a personal problem.

Riposa in pace amico mio. Ci mancherai. (Rest in peace, my friend. You will be missed). Please put in a good word for us when we come knocking at the gate.

Cheryl Alkire - July 09, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Vincent Frank Barresi.



July 09, 2024 at 08:50 AM

FS

“ Frank and Peggy Seymour planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vincent Frank Barresi.

Frank and Peggy Seymour - July 09, 2024 at 08:50 AM



“ My late husband Jerry Fuehrer was chief engineer at NTV from 1979 until his death in March of 2014. During this time, the station experienced six or seven ownership changes. As any broadcaster will attest to, each new ownership brings its own style.

When Vince became manager of NTV, he brought with him professionalism, experience, positivity and a strong sense of fairness. He had the innate ability to let every employee know that they were a very significant part of the greater good.

Jerry enjoyed working for Vince as a manager and also thought highly of him as a friend. NTV was blessed to have Vince as a leader.

Our condolences to Vince's family and we pray for God's healing upon all of you.

With sincerest sympathy, Linda Fuehrer and daughter Elizabeth.

Sasha Elizabeth Conrad - July 08, 2024 at 10:31 PM

BL

“ On behalf of the WKBS TV Channel 48 Facebook group, we want to give our deepest condolences to the Barressi family in the passing of this monument of a man who was the last Vice President and General Manager of WKBS TV Channel 48 Field Communications in Burlington NJ/Philadelphia, PA. Us fans and former staff members will never forget Mr. Barresi and his contributions to the success of this station and making the Delaware Valley a better place to live.

Bhoke Lumumba - July 08, 2024 at 06:42 PM

LZ

“ When I was young, I always called my brother, Vincie. We had the usual love hate relationship siblings have. We were great defenders of one another when our parents thought we did something wrong or fiercely mad launching spitballs at one another.

We grew up in a close Italian family. Vince loved everything Italian. He would eat an Italian dish called Trippa...the edible lining of a sheep which our grandmother would make for him. I never touched it let alone eat it!

School was easy for him. He could retain things reading it once. He played football in high school and loved the Detroit Lions till his death.

It seemed like overnight we became adults and moved on with our respective lives. Suddenly my Vincie became my grown up Vince.

I will always love you. May you Rest In Peace, my big brother. Linda

Linda Zimmer - July 07, 2024 at 09:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vincent Frank Barresi.



July 06, 2024 at 07:33 PM

DM

“ Denise McGraw planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vincent Frank Barresi.

Denise McGraw - July 06, 2024 at 07:33 PM

PB

“ My condolences the Vince's family. Your dad was a friend of many, and he will be missed but not forgotten. He will be remembered whenever his buddies from Austin get together to relive the stunts and escapades Vince was a part and the subject of so many of his stories. Rest in Peace.

Pete Blake

Peter Blake - July 06, 2024 at 06:34 PM

CB

“ My dad was a witty, intelligent, and passionate individual. I am very proud of the legacy he behind as a very successful television general manager. I have many fond and funny memories of my father growing up in both Largo, Florida and in Brentwood, Tennessee. I thank everybody for their love and support during this time for our family. God rest my fathers soul.

Curtis Barresi - July 06, 2024 at 03:01 PM