



## Ward Edward Schrack

October 13, 1929 - November 27, 2015

Ward Schrack, 86  
Kearney resident

Ward Schrack, 86, of Kearney, died Friday, November 27, 2015 at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital. A Celebration of Life will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Kearney First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gary Main officiating. Family will receive friends during a time of gathering from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Boy Scouts of America or the Kearney First United Methodist Church. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He was born October 13 1929 in Kearney Nebraska to Ward Benny Schrack and Gladys Irene (Ennis) Schrack. Ward was a 1947 graduate of Kearney High School. He attended Kearney State College from 1947-1947. While there, Ward was the president of his Freshman Class and shot game film for coach Charlie Foster. He would later earn his Bachelor's Degree from Denver University in 1952. He was married to Norma Jean (Moors) Schrack on December 17th 1950. He had four children Susan Ann (Schrack) Kincaid, Ward Brian Schrack, Stacy Ann (Schrack) Peterson, William Bradley Schrack. Ward was a longtime employee of Kearney State College. He served as

Director of Student Activities from 1965-1971, and Executive Director of Central Nebraska Health Education Corp. from 1972-1981. Schrack was a lifelong civil servant devoting all of his career and retired lifestyle to occupations and organizations that served to better the lives of all that he was associated with.

For over sixty years Schrack was dedicated to the betterment of several dozen organizations as a member and often in executive and management positions. He was particularly devoted to four organizations: The Boy Scouts of America, The United Methodist Church, Kiwanis International and the Big Bend Chapter of the National Audubon Society.

Schrack was a registered member of The Boy Scouts of America for 74 years received the Eagle Scout Award, Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow, the Silver Beaver award, which is the highest and prestigious award given to volunteers for the Boy Scouts. He has served on the executive board of the Overland Trails Council since 1968. In August of 2015 Schrack was the first recipient of the distinguished award named on his behalf as the Ward Schrack Lifetime of Service to Scouting Award.

He was the founder and charter member of the Golden K a chapter for retired age members Kiwanis Club in Kearney. He has been in Kiwanis International for over forty years and held leadership roles at local and regional levels.

Ward served as a Past President of Noon Kiwanis, Past Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis and was named Citizen of the Year by the Kiwanis Club. Ward would later serve as President of Golden K Kiwanis. He was instrumental in the formation of Kiwanis Key Club in both Kearney High School and Kearney Catholic High School. He also organized Kenwood Elementary "K Kids." In 2003, Ward put up a sign at the entrance to Kearney with all the service club emblems..

As a member of the United Methodist Church of Kearney for 40 plus years he served on numerous committees and was instrumental in the development of the Friendship Sunday School Class for members of the church congregation. He was very active with the church and served in many different capacities in

the church. In 1969, Ward and his family were honored as the Methodist Family of the Year.

A lifelong affection for Audubon, Schrack was a charter member and past president of the Big Bend Chapter of the National Audubon society. He served on numerous focus groups in the development of the Rowe Sanctuary and was a frequent tour guide for groups visiting the sanctuary.

He served as Santa's helper for over 30 years delivering Christmas joy to over 30 different families over that span of time.

He and his wife Norma hosted a Bed and Breakfast for seven years at their country home at Fawn Woods Lake.

Schrack was a devoted patron of the community of Kearney and was an unofficial proud ambassador of his hometown. Amongst many local recognition three highlights were the Kearney Hub Freedom Award in 1999, Kearney Chamber of Commerce Friend of Kearney in 2000 and in 2013 the Sertoma Club Service to Mankind Award.

Schrack was an aspiring amateur poet, wrote two children's books and a commemorative book on the history of BSA Camp Augustine

He is survived by his wife Norma, his two sons, daughter and families. Brian and Leslie Schrack and their son James. Brad and Deb Schrack their daughter and son in law Stephanie (Schrack) and Brian Potter, their son Phillip Schrack. Stacy (Schrack) and Tim Peterson their children Amy Lammers, Ryan Peterson, Kylie Peterson and Joel Peterson, son-in-law, Dick Kincaid and his daughters Megan Kincaid and husband Mike Kersten, Molly Kincaid, as well as, five great grandchildren.

He is also survived by three nieces and a nephew, children of his sister Jean and her husband Chandler S. Lynch II. Nephew Chandler S Lynch III, nieces Lisa (Lynch) Anderson, Sally (Lynch) Hauff and Nancy (Lynch) Gullion. He is also survived by nephew Peter LaRose of Tampa Florida.

# Previous Events

## Time of Sharing

DEC 2. 5:30 PM - 7:30 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>

## Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 10:30 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ward Edward Schrack*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Mrs. Schrack,  
So sorry for your loss. I have many memories of you and Ward at the lake with Jean and Chan, and Emma Jean and Wayne. They are together now and watching over us all. God bless,  
Abigail (Sawyer) Oxley*

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**Abigail (Sawyer) Oxley** - December 09, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Schrack,  
I'm so sorry for your loss.*

*My dad and I went to Camp Augustine at least once. I also remember the afternoon my family spent swimming with you guys at the lake, and the Christmas Eve that Ward came to our house as Santa. The younger kids were so excited!*

*My thoughts are with you and your family.*

*With Fondness,  
Chris Rader  
Your Northeast Class of '79*

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**Chris Rader** - December 03, 2015 at 12:54 PM

GF

“ Gene And Tammey Frick lit a candle in memory of Ward Edward Schrack



Gene and Tammey Frick - December 02, 2015 at 12:26 PM

DR

“ I first met Ward when I was in college and he was the Director of the Memorial Student Union at then KSC. I was a student worker at the Union as a coordinator of student activities, among other things. He was a joy to work for and I learned so much from him throughout my years as an under graduate. Years later when I returned to the campus as the Director of Food Services, he reached out to me and got me involved in the Kiwanis Club. We shared many good times together. One of my best recollections of Ward was the year he visited my kids as Santa on Christmas Eve. They still remember this!! It was very impactful. He was a friend to many and he will be missed by those he touched over the years. Rest in Peace, Ward. To Norma and the entire Schrack family, you have my deepest sympathies on your loss.

Dave

Dave Rader - December 02, 2015 at 10:15 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ward Edward Schrack.



December 01, 2015 at 09:30 PM

DR

“ David Rader lit a candle in memory of Ward Edward Schrack



David Rader - December 01, 2015 at 02:13 PM

DF

“ Sending my love and prayers to the whole family. Thinking of a great reunion in heaven between Bud and Fuzzy.

Denise Forsberg-DiMarzio - December 01, 2015 at 09:51 AM

RR

“ 14 files added to the album New Album Name



Ryan M Redinger - December 01, 2015 at 09:40 AM

RR

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Ryan M Redinger - December 01, 2015 at 09:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ward Edward Schrack.*



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November 30, 2015 at 04:30 PM