



Wayne R. McKinney

June 27, 1925 - July 30, 2019

Wayne R. McKinney, 94
Kearney resident

Wayne R. McKinney, 94, of Kearney passed away on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at his home in Kearney. Celebration of Life Services will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 5, 2019 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney. Mother Stephanie Swinnea will officiate. Interment will be held following the service at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Wayne R. McKinney was born on June 27, 1925 in Kearney to Hanson and Mabel (Hansen) McKinney. He grew up in Kearney and received his education from Kearney Public Schools, Kearney State College and the University of Denver. He enlisted in the United States Army and served during World War II.

He was united in marriage to Virginia Bodinson on November 24, 1950 in Kearney. He previously lived in Nebraska City where he taught typing,

shorthand, and coached golf. When he first returned to Kearney, he managed Mills Clothing Store, which ultimately became the Buckle. Wayne was employed by Platte Valley State Bank for 63 years.

Besides being a past senior warden of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Wayne was active with the Good Samaritan Health System Board, Elks, Kearney Country Club, Salvation Army Advisory Board, Nebraska Diplomats, Kearney Chamber of Commerce, Buffalo County Goodfellows, Rotary, Kearney Area Community Foundation Board, Kearney Public Schools Foundation Board, Kearney Civic Development Corporation, Admiral of Nebraska Navy, Tehama Shrine, American Legion, Nebraska Bankers Association, University of Nebraska Foundation, UNK Chancellor's Advisory Council and UNK Business and Technology College Advisory Council.

Throughout his years of service and leadership, Wayne was the recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award and Distinguished Service Award from Kearney State College, the Founders Award from Kearney State College, Friend of Kearney from Kearney Chamber of Commerce, Diplomat of the Year for Nebraska, Outstanding Kearney Alumni from Kearney Public Schools Foundation, College of Business and Technology Distinguished Alumni Award from UNK, Freedom Award in the area of Business/Industry from the Kearney Hub, and most recently Sertoma's Service to Mankind Award.

In addition to his countless hours of service to the Kearney community, Wayne will be remembered for his sense of caring, integrity, respect and professionalism.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Virginia McKinney of Kearney; daughter, Mary Kommers and her husband, Phil of Kearney; grandson, Mark Kommers and his wife, Kelly of Leawood, Kansas; granddaughter, Katy Abelbeck and her husband, Austin of Shawnee, Kansas; 4 great-

grandchildren, Jackson and Khloe Kommers and Charlotte and Anniston Abelbeck; along with other relatives and many friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Elmer McKinney; and daughter, Elizabeth Anne.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 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 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2304 N. 2nd Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ Wayne R. McKinney

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Virginia, Mary & family-

I am sure you have heard this from everyone who had the pleasure to have known Wayne. He was truly the shining inspiration for giving of self. I still recall Wayne & Bob Sahling inviting me to join the hospital board which started me on a 35 year journey of giving to GSH & other organizations in our community. I treasure every memory of talking with Wayne & getting to see his compassion for his community & everyone he touched.

What a guy !!!

Larry Butler

LARRY BUTLER - August 06, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ Virginia, Mary and family-

My heart is with all of you. Wayne was a friend to all and respected by all who worked with him in all walks of life. He was an amazing man!

Mary Ellen Lantis and Family

Mary Ellen Lantis - August 05, 2019 at 01:05 PM

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“ Please pass condolences from the Class of 1950, Nebraska City High School to the Wayne McKinney family. Wayne was an integral part of the Class over the years. His support of the Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund was very much appreciated. Wayne and Virginia attended several of our Class Reunions. Please accept the heartfelt sympathy of the Class of 1950.

Verl Steinshouer - August 04, 2019 at 05:11 PM

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“ One great guy. He helped me greatly when I returned to Kearney and joined my father in the practice of general surgery.

John 'bancroft - August 03, 2019 at 04:40 PM

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“ To the McKinney Family. My Dad and Mom and I thought the world of Wayne and Virginia. They do not make them any better than that.
Toby Tollefsen

Toby Tollefsen - August 03, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Wayne R. McKinney.



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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne R. McKinney.*



July 31, 2019 at 04:15 PM