



Brett D. Bridge

February 2, 1971 - September 1, 2022

Brett D. Bridge, 51, of Kearney, passed away September 1, 2022 at C.H.I. Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney after a short battle with A.L.S.. Services will be 10:30 am, September 8, 2022 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church with Fr. Paul Colling officiating. Burial will follow the service at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, September 7, 2022 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services and one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for Brett's children.

Brett was born on February 21st, 1971 in Kearney, NE to Jack and Judy (Stewart) Bridge. He attended Aurora High School and graduated with the class of 1989. Brett would then attend the University of Nebraska at Kearney where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and a Minor in Economics. He married Jen Hansen on September 27, 2003 in Lincoln, NE.

His professional career began in 1994 with the National Bank of Commerce in Lincoln in the Credit Adjustment Department. In 1996, Brett went to Cornhusker Bank to the Loan Administration Department to work as a Credit Analyst. In 1999, Brett was promoted to Branch Manager and Loan officer at the Gateway location. In 2005, Brett went to Centennial Lending as a commercial loan officer. In 2011, he moved his family to Kearney, NE to help

grow his family's Honda ATV Dealership, Heartland Motorsports. He owned the business along with his brother, Greg, and original founders Jack and Judy Bridge, and Roger Blackford. In 2020, his father, Jack, passed away and Brett assumed more responsibilities and was heavily involved in the expansion at the newly relocated business.

Brett Bridge and his wife Jen (Hansen) Bridge went on their first date on February 8th, 2002, were engaged six months later, and married in Lincoln, NE at the St. Peters Catholic Church on September 27th, 2003. They lived in Lincoln and had a son Noah, on June 20th, 2005 and a daughter Madeline, on September 29th, 2008. Brett and Jen raised their family in Lincoln where they stayed for 9 years until moving to Kearney. Brett and Jen enjoyed their life together immensely with their two beautiful children. They had many trips over the years but really enjoyed their time at the Lake of the Ozarks with Jen's sister, Marie, and her husband Duke. Brett and Jen hosted many family gatherings and holidays at their home in Lincoln and Kearney. Brett enjoyed supporting his children in their varied interests, including Ford Mustangs with Noah, and dance with his daughter Madeline. Brett was known for his teasing, but he was also a trusted consultant to his children. They often sought his advice and wisdom, especially during recent years as teenagers. He was always thinking of his family and he enjoyed his life with them. He was a very proud father and husband and enjoying sharing news of their accomplishments.

Brett had fond memories of his childhood and growing up in Aurora. He liked to reflect on his experiences and talked often about them. He was close to his Mother, Father and Brother. He also had special memories of his Grandparents and enjoyed reminiscing about them with family. His experiences along with Jen's forged a wonderful family filled with love and laughter.

Brett was a long time guitar enthusiast who enjoyed playing and collecting them. He also sought after effect pedals and restoring vintage amplifiers to achieve the sound he was looking for. He loved listening to music, and going to concerts with his wife Jen. Brett loved food and enjoyed cooking. He loved gatherings with the family and he had a unique sense of humor, often at the dinner table, that got everyone laughing with him. Over the years, Brett maintained a lot of friendships from his childhood through his young adult life. Whether it was a phone call or meeting up for lunch, laughing, reminiscing, or simply catching up would make his day. Brett's joking and laughter will be in the hearts of his family and friends forever.

Brett's family has a rescue dog named Lola who was a faithful companion to Brett. Lola slept on the floor beside Brett's bed every night. Lola was a big part of the family and they had a special bond with each other that was evident.

He was a member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, in Kearney.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Jen Bridge of Kearney; Two children, Noah and Madeline Bridge; Mother Judy Bridge of Kearney; In-laws Dennis and Pat Hansen of Lincoln; Brother Greg (Deb) Bridge of Kearney; Sister-in-law Marie (Duke) Vair of Olathe, KS; Sister-in-law Peg (Bob) Niedbalski of Columbus; Brother-in-law Gregg McGillivray of Omaha; and many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews.

Brett was preceded in death by his father, Jack Bridge of Kearney and his Uncle, Jim Stewart of Ord.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
2407 W 56th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Brett D. Bridge*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Bretts friendship had a giant positive affect on me. Those basement jam sessions, the long discussions about the goals we had, and all that fun juvenile nonsense we shared. My best to the family --
Dallas Ray Smetter*

Dallas Ray Smetter - September 07, 2022 at 09:15 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Brett D. Bridge.*



September 07, 2022 at 09:21 AM

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“ *Jen, Noah, and Madeline,*

Pat and I are shocked to hear of Brett's passing. We lived in your neighborhood in Kearney and always shared "Hello's" as we walked our dogs by your home (the pug named Harlie and our black dog looked like Lola).

Although we didn't know Brett, it was obvious how much he loved his family just in our walks by your home.

Sending you our most heartfelt sympathies and prayers to carry you through this difficult time.

Brenda and Pat Bierbower

Brenda - September 05, 2022 at 07:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Brett D. Bridge.*



September 05, 2022 at 04:30 PM