



## Charles E. Parish

January 14, 1941 - January 31, 2023

Charles E. Parish, 82, of Kearney, died on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Westfield Quality Care in Aurora, NE. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Kearney with Pastor Chad Anderson and Pastor Dave Salyer officiating. Burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be on Sunday, February 5, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and also 1 hour prior to services on Monday at the Church. Memorials are suggested to Trinity Presbyterian Church or to the family, to be designated later. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Charles was born to Claude E. and E. Lucille (Arnold) Parish on January 14, 1941, in Dorris, CA. In 1945, the family moved home to Miller, NE, to be close to family. Charles attended school in Miller and spent his summers working for area farmers, and worked for his uncle at the gas station. He had the distinction of being the last person to graduate from Miller High School before the consolidation to S.E.M. Public Schools. He was last in line in the Class of 1958.

Following graduation, Charles moved to Kearney. He lived in the old Midway Hotel (current site of Apple Market, in downtown Kearney) and worked in a

local filling station. It was during this time he met Miss Mary Marshall, of Sargent, NE. The couple married on June 12, 1960, in Sargent, NE. He referred to her as his "Forever Love" and often told his children, "I knew within 15 minutes of meeting her that she was my kind of woman." Together, they raised four children, Rebecca, Bonnie, John and Rachel. In 1963, Charles went to work as an appliance repairman for Sears & Roebuck in Kearney. He took pride in his work and was able to fix practically anything, from appliances to sewing machines, lawnmowers, treadmills, and even bicycles. He retired from Sears in 1997 and later worked for Russell's Appliances and Electronics in Kearney.

The only thing more important to Charles than his family was his faith in God. He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Kearney from 1960 until the time of his death. He served the church faithfully over the years. He loved singing in the choir and considered it an honor to serve as the church janitor. As a deacon and an elder, he was known for his wise counsel and his willingness to help anyone in need.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Parish of Kearney; daughters, Rebecca Parish of Kearney; Bonnie Parish of Lincoln and special friend Al Ficke of Omaha; son John (Karen) Parish of Lincoln, NE, and daughter Rachel (Brad) Tiede of Aurora, NE; grandchildren, Bryce (Jacob) Erb of Bennet, NE; Marshall Parish of Lincoln and fiancée Laura Baron Melendez of Bogota, Columbia, and Camden Tiede of Lincoln, NE; brother, Douglas (Janet) Parish of Cheyenne, WY, and sister Judith (Dave) Maass of Omaha; brother-in-law Dwane Cramer of Kearney; sister-in-law Ellen Murphy of Goddard, KS; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins, who he loved dearly.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Elsie (Parish) Cramer; his wife's parents, Ted and Josephine Marshall; and brother-in-law, Dan Murphy.



# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
3910 22nd Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68845  
<http://tpckearney.org>

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Parish Family,

*So many memories come to mind when I think of you all. My heart is with you during this difficult time. Charley always made us - international students at UNK - feel like we belonged, despite being far away from our home countries. I recall a particular Sunday at your house, after supper and conversation, Charley asked us if we had ever had "hole-in-ones". None of us knew what this was, but tried to picture it. He went to the kitchen and made us all "hole in ones". To this day, this is one of my favorite breakfast items. When I make them, I think of Charley and his caring personality, his love for his family and those around him. I also keep a photo album I received from you when I graduated from UNK. It has the picture of your house on a very snowy day, pictures of sandhill cranes, sunsets in Nebraska, and a picture of Charley and Mary. It's a priceless gift I treasure. Sending you hugs and love, Indira Engel*



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**Indira Engel** - February 05, 2023 at 03:07 PM

BP

*Indira, as I read your words tears came to my eyes. I loved Dad's hole in one's too! More than that I loved the way that my parents taught us about loving people all over the world by showing us that the world comes to our door and that the love we gave was returned to us over and over and over again in ways that were so much more powerful than anything we could have given. The love you all brought to my parents means the world to all of us and is rarely far from our memories. You all come up in our conversations more often than you would ever believe. Thank you for your loving kindness that has stayed with us...you mean the world to all of us!*

*Bonnie*

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**Bonnie Parish** - February 19, 2023 at 07:57 PM

PJ

“ *Patty Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Parish*



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**Patty Johnson** - February 05, 2023 at 07:52 AM

BP

*Thank you so much Patty Johnson, your thoughts are very special to us!*

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**Bonnie Parish** - February 19, 2023 at 07:52 PM

VK

“ Dear Mary

*This is vani kotcherlakota who used to work at UNK and was at your church several times with the Wiebes*

*One of the reasons for the happy and good memories I have of Kearney was my association and friendship with you ,Charles and family*

*It pains me to realize that Charles is no more but his good nature will forever be cherished in all our hearts . I know he is happy where he is and I do have hopes to see him*

*I know no words of mine are adequate to remove the great loss that you have incurred but I just had to say share these few words with you to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and family as you deal with this irrevocable loss*

*May God Bless you all and give the strength to bear this irrevocable vacuum his death created in all our lives*

*Please convey my sincere and heartfelt condolences to all Vani*

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**vani kotcherlakota** - February 03, 2023 at 09:04 PM

BP

*Vani, thank you so much for your words! They are so sweet. I remember sitting with you a few years ago in Lincoln at a drivers Ed class in Lincoln. You told me to say hello to my parents and when I did they were so quick to tell stories of wonderful times they had spent with you. Thank you for your loving friendship.*

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**Bonnie Parish** - February 19, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles E. Parish.



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February 03, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Charles E. Parish.



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February 03, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles E. Parish.



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February 03, 2023 at 07:22 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Charles E. Parish.



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February 02, 2023 at 03:09 PM

ML

“ Though he had been ailing for some time, it still is hard to lose a good man like Charles. During my years of pastoring Trinity Presbyterian, my family I & cherished our friendship with Charles and the rest of his family. Charles served as a faithful elder of the congregation for a long time. As a representative of the elder board, he had I traveled to numerous presbytery meetings together, logging several thousands of miles. I really enjoyed listening to Charles's personal and family-related stories over the years, even if I might have heard them for the 'nth' time! I especially appreciated Charles's spiritual sense and wisdom. I would routinely consult him when facing various challenges. I invariably appreciated his judgment. Charles was a man of deep faith whose life and example blessed many. Our prayers will continue for his loving family. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness " (Lam. 3:22-23)!

*Mike Lano*

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**Michael Lano** - February 02, 2023 at 12:29 PM

PM

“ Many people don't know this, but Aunt Mary and Uncle Charley are my godparents. My parents knew they would be the best at raising me and my siblings if something should happen to them. They were right. Uncle Charley was kind and funny and I shall miss him terribly. Much love and condolences to the family,  
*Patty*

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**Patricia McIlwain** - February 02, 2023 at 09:12 AM

RP

*That would have been a crazy time raising 8 of us! Love you, but I'm happy that you still have your own parents around, and that they have you.*

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**Rebecca S Parish** - February 18, 2023 at 11:39 PM