



## Clarence A. Brunkhorst

March 18, 1928 - August 1, 2022

Clarence A. Brunkhorst, 94, of Kearney, died August 1, 2022 at the St. Luke's good Samaritan Village in Kearney. Funeral Services will be 10:00 am, Friday, August 12, 2022 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with Pastor Tim Barone officiating. Burial will be 2:30 pm, at Roselawn Cemetery in Columbus, Nebraska. Visitation will be on hour prior to funeral at the church Friday morning. Memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Clarence was born March 18, 1928 on a farm by Monroe, Nebraska to Herman and Margaret (Braasch) Brunkhorst. He moved with his parents from Monroe to a farm by Platte Center and then to a farm southwest of Columbus. He attended rural school, Columbus Immanuel Lutheran school and graduated from Columbus Kramer High School in 1945. After high school he worked in Denver, Colorado. He served in the United States Air Force from 1946 – 1949 and attended University of Colorado 1949-1951.

Clarence married Mary Louise Miller December 23, 1950 in Columbus, Nebraska.

He attended University of Nebraska in Lincoln, 1951-1954, where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering, then completed the Modern Business Program with Alexander Hamilton Institute in 1970. In 1982 he received his Master of Business Administration from Kearney State

College.

From 1954-1993, he was with Consumers Public Power District and Nebraska Public Power District in Norfolk, Lincoln, Kearney, O'Neill and then back to Kearney in 1976. He retired in 1993 as the Central Regional Manager for Nebraska Public Power District.

Clarence was a Kearney and Lincoln Jaycee, President of the O'Neill Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce. Formerly a member of the Lions and Rotary clubs. He was a member of the Kearney American Legion Post #52, National Society of Professional Engineers, and Institute of Electrical Electronic Engineers. He also served on the Board of United Fund, Friends, YMCA, Board of Adjustment, and Jubilee Center. He donated over 22 gallons of blood through the American Red Cross. He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He held various offices and member of various boards of the church during his lifetime. He and his wife served as missionaries in El Paso, Texas and Mexico from 1994-1995. He was a delegate a number of times to the state and national conventions for his church and for the Lutheran Hour Ministries conventions.

Clarence is survived by his wife, Mary Brunkhorst of Kearney; son, Tim and Deb Brunkhorst of Platte City, MO; daughters, Ann and Erv Sanders of Topeka, KS, Susan and Steve Meyers of Brookings, SD, Lori and John Gruttemeyer of Papillion, NE; 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Clarence was preceded in death by his brothers, John and Rudolph Brunkhorst; sisters, Marie Brunkhorst and Frieda Burrus.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran  
3315 11th Avenue  
Kearney, NE

## Funeral Service

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Kearney, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Clarence A. Brunkhorst*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *To all of Clarence’s family. I offer my heartfelt sympathy and prayers for you all. In the late 90’s, I was a member of Holy Cross and Clarence was very nice and always welcomed me with a smile and wonderful conversation. We were both from Columbus, both went to Immanuel Lutheran as a child, and he worked with my uncle (Lloyd Marty) at NPPD in Kearney. He gave me wonderful Godly advice when my father passed in 2002.*

*“God didn’t promise days without sorrow, but he did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and light for the way.”  
Sleep in heavenly peace!*

**Rob Hoessel** - August 06, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *Was saddened to hear of Clarence's passing. I have many fond memories of the family when they lived in O'Neill. We were not only neighbors but also members of Christ Lutheran in O'Neill. Clarence and Mary Lou were very active in the church here and they were truly missed when they moved. It was a joy to watch their children grow up and I still think of them often. I was fortunate enough to see Clarence and Mary Lou from time to time when we visited Holy Cross with our daughter and family. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife and family. Heaven gained a good one when Clarence came home.*



**Mrs. Don (Sharon) Larson** - August 06, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Clarence A. Brunkhorst.*



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August 06, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *What a great guy. I really enjoyed having him for my coffee group friend at McDonalds. I loved it when we'd pick on each other and he'd put on that fake pouty face (yea, like he was really offended, heh heh) and then a big grin would come across his face and then he and the rest of us would have a good chuckle. What a delightful sense of humor.*

*Mr. Lynn Tacha*

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**Mr. Lynn Tacha** - August 05, 2022 at 09:34 AM



*My first job out of college(1958) was in Kearney. Clarence invited me to attend an NSPE meeting the first week I was in Kearney. We have been friends ever since. He was a great friend. Norvin D Pearce*

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**Norvin Pearce** - August 06, 2022 at 07:01 PM