



## Darrell E. Epping

January 17, 1959 - November 3, 2019

Darrell Erick Epping, age 60, of Funk, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, November 3, 2019, at Kearney County Health Services in Minden. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 7, 2019 at Faith United Methodist Church in Kearney with Pastor Jeff Wulf officiating. Burial will follow at Fridhem Cemetery near Funk, NE. Visitation will be Wednesday, November 6, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Faith United Methodist Church, Funk First Responders, the Kearney Animal Shelter, 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 and Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

Darrell was born on January 17, 1959 to Erick and Beulah (Lawson) Epping. He attended Funk Public School until the 8th grade, then attended Axtell Public School where he graduated in 1977. He went to Grand Island School of Business and then returned to the farm to help his parents. After his dad passed in 1991, he stayed on the farm with his mom, until she passed in 1992. He was an active member of Faith United Methodist Church for 46 years. He served on many church boards. On April 8th, 1995, he married Joan Gustafson. Darrell and Joan loved to travel and took several trips to Kansas City to see the Royals. They also took many trips to the casinos with Nancy and Judy. Darrell was always ready to go somewhere. If you mentioned a trip, he would be packed and sitting in the car or pick-up ready to go before

everybody else could turn around. He was the most easy-going man you could meet. He never worried about anything because Joan worried enough for both of them. He also never said a bad word about anyone. Darrell was truly the number one Axtell Super Fan. He was a sports fanatic. He enjoyed every sport, but his greatest loves were watching the Huskers, Kansas City Chiefs and Royals, UNK Lopers, and the Chicago Cubs. He also liked watching NASCAR races in Kansas City and the other races on TV. His favorite racer was #24 Jeff Gordon.

Survivors include his wife on 24 and a half years, Joan; sister-in-law Judy Gustafson; special beloved dog, Ruger; lifelong friends Doris and Nancy Murray; and a host of cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; aunts and uncles; other relatives and friends; and his beloved dogs, Spud and Raider.

# Cemetery Details

## Fridhem Cemetery

V Road  
Funk, NE 68940

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 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

NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Faith United Methodist Church  
1623 Central Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Darrell E. Epping*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Shane and Judy Beisheim** - November 11, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Darrell was a very kind and gentle soul.*

*Lisa Green*



**Lisa Green** - November 06, 2019 at 08:39 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I did not know Darrell well but it sounds like he was a fun loving, kind soul and I am glad you had so many trips and other fun experiences together. My prayers are with you, that God will walk closely by you in the coming days. Thinking of you . . .*

*Glenda Harlan*

**Glenda Harlan** - November 05, 2019 at 11:03 PM



“ *Darrell and Joan have always been so good to us. We will really miss him.*

**Shawn and Terri Barry** - November 05, 2019 at 08:47 PM



“ *Darrell was a kind hearted soul! He will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know him.* ”

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**Bev Driscoll** - November 04, 2019 at 07:00 PM