



David M. Babbitt

January 2, 1947 - August 8, 2024

David M. Babbitt, age 77, of Kearney, NE, passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at his home, surrounded by loved ones and his beloved great dane, Oly. His departure was just in time for him to make his spiritual appearance at every Husker game, home AND away. An open house will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. A celebration of life service will be held immediately following the open house at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. There will be no burial service as David was cremated and will be spread by his daughters at a later date at Chimayo church in New Mexico. In Lieu of plants or flowers, the family suggests donations to Big Dogs Huge Paws, Larkspur, CO: <http://bigdogshugepaws.com> Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

David Michael Babbitt was born on January 2, 1947 to Bernard and Bette (Christensen) Babbitt in Council Bluffs, IA. In 1952, the family moved to Nebraska where David grew up on a small farm outside of Amherst. He graduated from Amherst High School, excelling in sports and academics. He attended Kearney State College, receiving a degree in History.

David married Debra Meirath in 1979. They later divorced, but had two daughters together, Alexis and Caitlin.

David is survived by special friend, Lynn Sinner; daughters, Alexis Pennington of Kearney (husband Michael, grandsons Beckett and Crew) and Caitlin Smith of Wayne (husband Aaron, granddaughters Lennox and Dawsyn); sisters, Sue Jones and husband Dennis of Denver, CO., Sarah Stubbs and husband Keith of Pleasanton, Sandra Pratt and husband Denis of Johnson Lake, Shari Peterson and husband Rex of Riverdale and Stacey Mayberry and husband Mark of Seneca, KS; he is also survived by many amazing nieces, nephews, and friends.

David's true passion was travel. He had been to many, many places around the world. When traveling, he was determined to find the most adventurous activities he could. He climbed Mt. Machu Picchu, sled down volcanic ash, went on jungle canopy treks, rode in a hot air balloon over Costa Rica, and repelled sides of mountains. What a ride he had!

He also enjoyed motown music, history, shooting pool with his buddies, reading novels, sports, and especially Nebraska football.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister, and nephew Bronson Stubbs.

Previous Events

Open House Visitation

AUG 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dave was my cousins f. I always teased him about being the oldest. I have so many memories of our childhood, the farm and our family gatherings. He certainly will be missed his loving family. ❤️ to all of you. Penny Neve Price*

Penny Price - August 24, 2024 at 04:11 PM



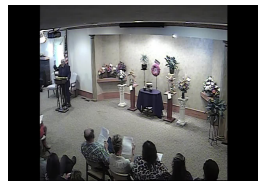
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Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - August 21, 2024 at 10:35 AM



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Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - August 17, 2024 at 03:20 PM

DC

“ Dave will be remembered for being so very sweet and thoughtful. Always thinking of others and their feelings. My life has been enriched just by knowing him. Not to mention, I love anyone who loves dogs!
Thank you Dave ❤️ And thank you Lynn for sharing Dave with us. God Bless you, your family and his family as well. Mike & Dody
Colin, Wichita, KS

Dody Colin - August 15, 2024 at 07:06 PM

DS

“ Dan & Judy O'Neill & family & Kwik Stop planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David M. Babbitt.

Dan & Judy O'Neill & family & Kwik Stop - August 15, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of David M. Babbitt.



August 15, 2024 at 04:39 PM

JM

“ Dave was a wonderful friend to me all the years I lived in Kearney. He will be greatly missed.

Jill Miller

Jill Miller - August 15, 2024 at 10:33 AM

TH

“ Sending so many prayers and thoughts. He was such good person and friend. He was the best bus driver. I really enjoyed taking to him on all those rides. I also liked taking to him at Goodfellows.

Tiffany Hartman - August 14, 2024 at 12:45 AM

YT

“ Your Wheeler SE and admin team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David M. Babbitt.



Your Wheeler SE and admin team - August 13, 2024 at 05:57 PM

SR

“ Scott Maul and Holly Read planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David M. Babbitt.

Scott Maul and Holly Read - August 13, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David M. Babbitt.



August 13, 2024 at 05:26 PM

SM

“ He graduated with my sister and the whole family are good friends with my family for many years. Dave helped spur my interest in reading about history when I was young by lending me books to read. He was also a great athlete for Amherst scoring 38 points in one basketball game. I have nothing but good memories of Dave.
Scott Maul

Scott Maul - August 13, 2024 at 05:23 PM

MK

“ Dave was a wonderful man and good friend for 5 years that I've known him, he will be sadly missed by many.

mark king - August 12, 2024 at 09:18 PM

KR

“ Shari, Rex, and Deb: My sympathy on David's passing.



Kathy Campbell RN - August 12, 2024 at 08:59 PM

CB

“ My prayers go out to all his loved ones. David was such a nice guy and a joy to be around.
Hugs to all
The Bacons

coleen bacon - August 10, 2024 at 01:44 PM