



## David "Dave" P. Jones

July 16, 1955 - March 28, 2021

David "Dave" P. Jones, age 65 of Kearney, passed away Sunday, March 28, 2021 at CHI Health – Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Kearney E-Free Church. Rev. Brian Klein will officiate and burial will be at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday, April 5, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home and also 1 hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to the family, to establish a memorial in Dave's memory at Meadowlark Hills Golf Course. Online condolences may be submitted by visiting [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com). Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Dave was born on July 16, 1955 in Lexington, NE to Helen (Snider) Brandorff. He was adopted by his step-father, Carl "Dee" Jones, when he was 10 years old. He grew up on a farm north of Amherst, NE and attended Watertown country school. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, football, basketball and baseball. In 1973, he graduated from Sumner, Eddyville, Miller High School where he excelled at football. After high school Dave continued his love for football at Kearney State College where he attended for one year. On December 6, 1974, he married Diana Gibbons. They welcomed three children, Kristopher David in 1982, Stefanie Lee in 1984 and Lucas Daniel in 1986. Dave worked in commercial construction and then residential construction where he developed his skill as a finish carpenter. In 1980, he began his 30 year career

at Eaton Corporation where he worked in maintenance and special projects. Dave was a member of the Eaton Fire Brigade and retired in 2010. Shortly after his retirement, Dave and Diana bought a cabin at Harlan Lake where they spent time with old friends, made new friends, and of course enjoyed precious family time boating, fishing and swimming.

Many of the family memories are centered around Dave's love for family time, the outdoors and sports. He was a longtime member of Meadowlark Hills Golf Course and was especially proud of his hole in one and double eagle. He was known for his solid work ethic, craftsmanship, quick sense of humor and the ability to find a golf ball in the rough. Dave was always surrounded by friends and family and he loved with his whole heart. This was even more evident over the last eight years as his seven grandchildren came into the family.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Diana Jones of Kearney; children and spouses, Kris Jones and wife Bridget of Elm Creek, NE, Stef Roper and husband Matt Roper of Kearney, Luke Jones and wife Kael of Colorado Springs, CO, brother, Dan Jones of Broken Bow; Sister-in-Law, Kathy Shaffer and husband Glen of San Antonio, TX; and Brother-in-Law, Dan Gibbons and wife Carol of Desert Hot Springs, CA; seven grandchildren, Sailor, Hayden, Brooks, Savanna, Cannon, Briggs, and Maverick; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dave was preceded in death by his Mother, Helen Jones; Adoptive Father, Carl 'Dee' Jones; Biological Father, George Brandorff; Father-in-Law, Dennis G. Gibbons; Mother-in-Law, Jean (Gibbons) Deke; and Sister-in-Law, Sheri Jones.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 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

APR 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kearney E- Free Church  
4010 7th Ave.  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ *David "Dave" P. Jones*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



**Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services** - April 05, 2021  
at 05:29 PM

JB

*Condolences and Great Video Diana, Kris, Stef, and Luke!*

**James Bish** - April 05, 2021 at 07:09 PM

GB

*What a great loss for your family! I'm so sorry. Enjoyed watching the video. Looks like you're blessed with lots of grandchildren. So sad that Dave won't be there to watch them grow up.*

**Gail Buller** - April 09, 2021 at 10:18 AM

GH

“ *So sorry to learn of Dave's passing. Praying for comfort, strength and God's peace for your family.*

*Greg & Lisa Huerta*

**Greg & Lisa Huerta** - April 02, 2021 at 01:25 PM

CG

“ Diana,

*Tom & I was so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. We both worked with Dave at Eaton Corp and enjoyed having him as a co-worker. Dave was fun to be around & I can't recall him ever being cross or ill tempered to anyone. He was just a good natured person. We witnessed the struggle he was going through these past few years and saw his determination. We talked to him a few times when he was walking the Mall. He always said, "Diana is making me come up here and get some exercise." Burger Night at Jerseys won't be the same knowing he won't be there. Rest in Peace Dave. You fought the good fight.*

*Carol & Tom Gancos*

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**Caryljeyn Gancos** - March 30, 2021 at 10:17 PM

BN

“ *Dave & I went into Rob Morris Lodge and Tehama Shrine together, went on the Shrine Hospital bus trip together to Minneapolis, and with Diana and our other neighbors, Dale & Alma Parrish, put together a Hawaiian Luau party that was the most fun! Fun times with Dave. Until I see you again brother.*

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**Bob Nemecek** - March 29, 2021 at 09:17 PM