



## Dennis D. Gruber

July 24, 1937 - June 24, 2024

Dennis D. Gruber, age 86, of Kearney, peacefully passed away Monday, June 24, 2024 at Kearney Regional Medical Center. Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2024 at Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Kearney with Lonna Grabenstein, PMA, officiating. Interment will be at 12:30 p.m., that Saturday at the Eustis East Cemetery with Pastor Kathy Gundell officiating. A reception will follow at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Eustis at 1:00 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the Eustis Area Community Foundation Fund, St. John's Lutheran Church in Eustis or Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Kearney. 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.

Dennis was born July 24, 1937 in Eustis, Nebraska, graduating from Eustis High School as a member of the Class of '55. He was a generational farmer and rancher in Gosper and Frontier Counties. Dennis was a member of St. John Lutheran church in Eustis where he was a long-time choir member, periodic council member and he always enjoyed the Men's Prayer Breakfast. Also, he was very active with the Eustis Senior Center. Since moving to Kearney in 2018, he was a member of Family of Christ Lutheran in Kearney. In addition to knowing everything there was to know about farming and ranching, Dennis had a quick wit, an easy smile and was known for his kindness unless he was playing cards. He will be sorely missed by his family

and a multitude of friends.

Dennis is survived by his wife of 62 years, Linda, his daughter Dr. Lisa Hornick of Wilmington, North Carolina, and his son Seth Gruber, and daughter-in-law Coelette Gruber of Kearney, Nebraska. Dennis enjoyed his time with his grandchildren, Rowan and Lizzie Gruber of Everett, Washington, Lauren Hornick of New York City, New York, and Dean Hornick of Raleigh, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Rose Gruber and his brother Dean Gruber.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

Family of Christ Lutheran Church  
1319 5th Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68845

## Graveside Service

JUL 13. 12:30 PM (CT)

Eustis East Cemetery  
Road 748  
Eustis, NE 69028

## Reception

JUL 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church  
102 Ingalls Street  
Eustis, NE 69028

# Tribute Wall

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“ Lisa, my heart is with your family today. I will always remember meeting your parents for the first time at our medical school graduation. Both our Fathers quickly joined and discussed the state of affairs in farming and their pride in their daughters! Celebrate his wonderful life today! And, he will always be with you! We will hopefully see you soon!  
Pat Chudomelka M.D., Ph.D.

Pat C - July 13, 2024 at 09:44 AM

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“ Anthony & Chelsea Gengenbach Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dennis D. Gruber.



Anthony & Chelsea Gengenbach Family - July 11, 2024 at 06:34 PM

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“ Anthony & Chelsea Gengenbach Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis D. Gruber.

Anthony & Chelsea Gengenbach Family - July 11, 2024 at 06:34 PM

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“ With love, April, Tina and Cindy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dennis D. Gruber.



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**With love, April, Tina and Cindy** - July 07, 2024 at 05:01 PM

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“ Seth, Coe, and families--I am sorry to read about the death of your Dad. I remember when they moved to Kearney. Thank you, Coe, for sharing stories. May the gentleness of love surround you during this time of grieving.

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**Lisa Finley** - July 02, 2024 at 01:41 PM