



Earl E. Rademacher

July 8, 1933 - July 31, 2024

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Earl was born on July 8, 1933, in Loup City, Nebraska to Elvin and Wilma

Rademacher. He grew up on a farm near Loup City and graduated from Loup City High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from Nebraska State Teachers College at Kearney and a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado.

He served in the United States Army from 1954-56 and the Army Reserve from 1956-1962. He was stationed in Japan for 18 months during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged.

On December 27, 1959, he married JoAnn White in York, Nebraska. He was a business teacher and coach in Douglas, Nebraska and York, Nebraska. He worked for 36 years at Kearney State College (later the University of Nebraska at Kearney) in several administrative positions and was known as the "Builder" of the UNK campus. He served as interim President in 1982-83. He retired from UNK in 1996 as Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance.

Earl served on numerous community boards, committees and organizations including Good Samaritan Hospital Systems, Kearney Chamber of Commerce, Kearney Kiwanis Clubs, Kearney Tennis Association, Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation, Yanney Heritage Park Foundation, Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Kearney Chapter American Red Cross, Kearney Quasi-Centennial Committee, Kearney Trolleys, Judicial Nominating Commission for District 6 Nebraska Court of Appeals, Kearney United Way, Buffalo County Merit Commission and Senior College of Central Nebraska.

Honors and awards for Earl include UNK Cope Cornerstone of Excellence Award, UNK Distinguished Service Award, Kearney Chamber of Commerce Friend of Kearney Award, Kearney Kiwanis Clubs Citizen of Year Award, Kearney Hub Freedom Award, UNK Alumni Achievement Award, Admiral in Great Navy of Nebraska, and Sertoma Service to Mankind. A pillar at Yanney

Park was dedicated for Earl's 21 years of service on the Yanney Heritage Park Foundation board.

He loved spending time with family, attending grandchildren's activities, and supporting local sports teams and the St. Louis Cardinals. He enjoyed traveling with JoAnn and playing tennis, golf and bowling. Earl was soft-spoken, humble and loyal.

Earl is survived by his wife JoAnn Rademacher of Lincoln, Nebraska; four children, Steve (Tram) Rademacher of Lincoln, Nebraska, Jane (Ty) Strawhecker of Kearney, Nebraska, Susan (Doug) Doerr of Overland Park, Kansas, and John (Lisa) Rademacher of Kearney, Nebraska; grandchildren Bianca Rademacher, Belinda Rademacher, Briana Rademacher, Jakob Strawhecker, Luke (Megan) Strawhecker, Kaleb Strawhecker, Colin Doerr, Dylan Doerr, Karlee Doerr, Max Rademacher and Samuel Rademacher; brother Gary (Pam) Rademacher of Nebraska City, Nebraska, sister Brenda Anderson of Lincoln, Nebraska, brother-in-law and sister-in-law Bill and Sherry White of Milford, Nebraska, and sister-in-law Kathy Stasch of Brunswick, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert Rademacher, sister-in-law Ellen Rademacher, brother-in-law Ron White, sister-in-law MaryAnn White and brother-in-law Ken Stasch.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Memorial Service

AUG 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
4511 6th Avenue
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *John, Lisa and family,*

I am so sorry for loss. Thinking of you and the boys at the time in prayer. May God's peace comfort you in your need.

Kimberly Rebman - August 09, 2024 at 04:24 PM

MK

“ *Jo and family,*

What a great smile in the picture of Earl! May many happy memories bring you comfort. Think Earl and Dad worked together on several committees and boards. Kearney misses you both. My husband and I now live in a suburb of KC near our kids and grandkids. We wish you well in this difficult time.---Mary (McKinney) Kommers

Mary S Kommers - August 08, 2024 at 12:53 PM



“ *Our condolences to Earl's family and friends.*

The Deacon's at Southern Heights Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, NE.

Janette Shaver-malick - August 08, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl E. Rademacher.*



August 07, 2024 at 10:22 AM

TH

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to all of his family. I am a classmate of Jake's and my sister had Mrs. Rademacher for a summer school teacher.



Tiffany Hartman - August 07, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl E. Rademacher.



August 06, 2024 at 01:45 PM

BR

“ Beth, Caleb, Katy & Sydney Reiners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl E. Rademacher.

Beth, Caleb, Katy & Sydney Reiners - August 06, 2024 at 01:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earl E. Rademacher.



August 06, 2024 at 01:34 PM

TC

“ The Staff & Providers at CID planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl E. Rademacher.

The Staff & Providers at CID - August 06, 2024 at 01:34 PM

H&

“ Hugh &. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl E. Rademacher.

Hugh &. - August 06, 2024 at 10:50 AM

AM

“ Amy, Rich, Kayleigh and Jack McCrary purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Earl E. Rademacher.



Amy, Rich, Kayleigh and Jack McCrary - August 05, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Earl E. Rademacher.



August 05, 2024 at 12:11 PM

DF

“ Praying for all of you as you miss him. So very sorry for your loss.

Dawn Flucke - August 05, 2024 at 08:14 AM

LP

“ Lewis, Karen, Clare & Joseph Plachy purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Earl E. Rademacher.



Lewis, Karen, Clare & Joseph Plachy - August 04, 2024 at 11:20 PM

RD

“ Earl was a true gentleman of sterling character and a quiet and engaging personality. He was an exemplary leader at UNK and an admired and respected individual in the community, and a wonderful teammate on the bowling team! His contributions to the good are fondly remembered and much appreciated. - Roger and Cel Davis



Roger and Cel Davis - August 04, 2024 at 01:25 PM

SB

“ Please accept my sympathy. I always looked forward to visiting with Earl when he came into the barbershop. He was such a kind man. Steve Berndt

Steve Berndt - August 03, 2024 at 07:14 PM

BD

“ Brian D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl E. Rademacher.

Brian D. - August 03, 2024 at 02:10 AM

TH

“ Tyler and Shekie Hardekopf purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Earl E. Rademacher.



Tyler and Shekie Hardekopf - August 02, 2024 at 02:03 PM

TH

“ Tyler and Shekie Hardekopf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl E. Rademacher.

Tyler and Shekie Hardekopf - August 02, 2024 at 02:03 PM

VK

“ I am deeply saddened to hear the sad demise of Earl . I had great association and interaction with him when I worked at UNK for 28 year
He was a kind and nice person
May his soul Rest in Peace and my sincere condolences to all the members of the family



Vani Kotcherlakota - August 02, 2024 at 12:06 PM

SS

“ I will miss Earl more than words can express. I recall his kindness, humility, and support when I joined UNK a few years before he retired. His selfless nature and genuine care for others at UNK is an inspiration to all. Though he has moved on, his legacy of compassion for others will continue to inspire many.

Sri Seshadri - August 02, 2024 at 09:41 AM

MY

I could not have said it better than Dr. Seshadri. What a wonderful man, father, husband, and friend. We will miss him.

Marsha Yeagley - August 02, 2024 at 12:07 PM

WK

Our sympathy to you on the loss of your Dad. We know how hard it is to lose a parent, but your memories will bring comfort now & in the years to come.

Wayne & Monie Karschner - August 02, 2024 at 01:46 PM