



## Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen

July 17, 1944 - October 25, 2024

Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen, age 80, of Kearney, passed away Friday, October 25, 2024 at CountryHouse Assisted Living in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 1, 2024 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church with Pastor John Rasmussen officiating. Burial will follow the service at 1:30 p.m., at St. John's Cemetery South of Wilcox. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 31, 2024 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. 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.

Butch was born on July 17, 1944 to LaVern and Charlotte (Johnson) Ortgiesen and was raised on farm near Wilcox, NE. He was baptized at St. Peters Lutheran Church on Aug. 20, 1944 . He then graduated from Wilcox High School with the class of 1962. In 1966 he graduated from Kearney State College and furthered his education at UNL to obtain his master's degree in teaching. He married his high school sweetheart Jeanne Harms on Sept. 12, 1965 and raised two boys. Butch taught at St Paul, NE and Polk NE and was a principal at Norton, KS. He retired from teaching in 1975 to return to the family farm.

Butch was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church . He enjoyed farming,

fishing, hunting but his real passion was spending time with his family.

Survivors include sons: Chad (Cara) Ortgiesen and Reggie (Jennifer) Ortgiesen, both of Wilcox; grandchildren: Garrett (Lily) Ortgiesen of Hildreth, NE, McKenna, Claire, Dagan, and Cole Ortgiesen of Wilcox; sisters: Gayla Hunt of Holdrege, NE and JoAnn Alderman Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Eugene Hunt and Robert Alderman, sister-in-law Joan Stratman, his wife Jeanne Ortgiesen and his sister Mona Garrelts

# Cemetery Details

## Saint John's Cemetery

West Road and Highway 44  
Wilcox, NE 68982

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

NOV **1**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (LCMS); Kearney Nebraska  
3315 11th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845  
(308) 237-2944

## Graveside

NOV 1. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ *mr. ortgiesen class at st paul neb was a favorite for myself. thank you for being there sir!! Richard Bahensky*

richard bahensky - November 21, 2024 at 07:22 PM



“ *Butch and Jeanne became good friends of ours, through our mutual enjoyment of dancing and belonging to a great group of people! Our sincere sympathy to the Ortgiesen family. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this difficult time. God bless!*

Marilyn Thoene - October 31, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MB

“ *Matt, April and Peyton Bergner purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen.*



Matt, April and Peyton Bergner - October 31, 2024 at 03:06 PM

FA

“ *Farm Credit Services of America purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen.*



Farm Credit Services of America - October 31, 2024 at 11:49 AM

FA

“ Farm Credit Services of America planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen.

Farm Credit Services of America - October 31, 2024 at 11:49 AM

RF

“ Ryan Fjeldheim purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen.



Ryan Fjeldheim - October 31, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen.



October 31, 2024 at 09:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen.

October 31, 2024 at 09:40 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen.



October 30, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen.



October 30, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen.

October 30, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ B&R Farms purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Eugene "Butch" L. Ortgiesen.



**B&R Farms** - October 29, 2024 at 01:46 PM