



Fred H, Gleason

June 13, 1950 - December 9, 2025

Fred H. Gleason, 75, of Kearney, died December 9, 2025, at C.H.I. Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 am, December 22, 2025, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. Private family burial will take place at a later date. Viewing will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, December 21, 2025, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services. In lieu of flowers, Memorials are suggested to St. John's Lutheran Church in Brule, Nebraska or Peace Lutheran Church in McCook, Nebraska.

Fred was born June 13, 1950, in Norfolk, Nebraska to Irvin and Verona (Saeger) Gleason. He grew up in Pierce, Nebraska and attended Zion Lutheran School and graduated from Pierce High School in 1968. He continued his education while participating in basketball at Northeast Community College and received his bachelor's degree from Wayne State College. He then obtained a Master's in Education from University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He later continued his education and completed an Education Specialist degree from University of Nebraska at Kearney.

On August 11, 1973, Fred was united in marriage to Debra Kaye Fullner at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce, Nebraska. They were married for 52 years and from their union they had two children, a son, David and a daughter, Kim. They made their home for 18 years in Brule, NE where they raised their children. They relocated to McCook, NE in 2004, and most recently moved to

Kearney, NE in October 2024 to be closer to family.

For forty-three years, Fred worked in education throughout Nebraska. He had a passion for coaching basketball and volleyball during his career. He retired as a Guidance Counselor from McCook High School in 2018.

There were two things that Fred said he could not live without, God's love and family. He was an active member in his church community serving for many years. He felt that Faith should be simple and uncluttered, because that is the way God wants it. Fred valued the time he was able to spend with his family. He could be found at many family gatherings playing cards and sharing words of wisdom with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed golfing, working in the garden, and reading. He was a loyal Pierce Bluejay and Nebraska Cornhusker fan throughout his life. He rarely missed an opportunity to watch either team and then later discussed the games with friends and family.

Fred is survived by his wife, Deb Gleason of Kearney, NE, son, David (Becky) Gleason of Hutchinson, KS, daughter, Kim (Bryan) Seitler of Kearney, NE, grandchildren, Madalyn Gleason, Garrett Gleason, Wyatt Gleason, Gabrielle Gleason, Christian Seitler, Kirsten Seitler, and Emersyn Seitler.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC **22.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran
3315 11th Avenue
Kearney, NE

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *What a great neighbor Fred was! Always watching out for everyone and sharing Deb and his harvest! I will never forget when the zucchini gods would stop by our house in Brule. Rest in peace dear man. Deb and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Marilynn & Randy Haines*

Marilynn Haines - December 29, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KD

“ *Deb & Family: Our thoughts, prayers, and sympathy are with you during this difficult time. Fred's time of teaching and coaching will leave lasting memories for his students and athletes. We are so sorry for your loss. God Bless you with His peace and comfort!*
Dave & Kathy Draeger

Kathy Draeger - December 22, 2025 at 05:31 PM

DH

“ *Sorry to hear this about Fred he will be missed*

Delwin Herbolsheimer - December 22, 2025 at 12:55 PM

PW

“ *Deb & family*
Our sincere sympathy for your loss of Fred. You & your family are in our thoughts & prayers.
Steve & Peggy Wragge

Peggy Wragge - December 22, 2025 at 09:56 AM

TF

“ The Houska family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred H, Gleason.

The Houska family - December 20, 2025 at 12:39 PM

TF

“ The Houska family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Fred H, Gleason.



The Houska family - December 20, 2025 at 12:39 PM

SS

“ Sara S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred H, Gleason.

Sara S. - December 17, 2025 at 11:04 PM

RB

“ Got to know Fred and Deb during their time in McCook. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Randy and Kim Bauer - December 17, 2025 at 09:36 AM

DK

“ So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I will always hear his voice narrating the Live Nativity in McCook. He helped bring the greatest story to life. Deb, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs!
Dannette K.

Dannette Klopping - December 17, 2025 at 09:31 AM

BL

“ Barbie Long lit a candle in memory of Fred Gleason



Barbie Long - December 17, 2025 at 07:56 AM

BL

“ Fred will be dearly missed...I always enjoyed our conversations and his witty banter—continued prayers to you, Deb, and your whole family. We love you all. Michael, Barbie, Asher, and Asa Long

Barbie Long - December 17, 2025 at 07:55 AM

TC

“ So sorry to get this news! Fred was a great guy!! Good memories of him teaching at South Platte.
Tim and Gay Cooper

Tim Cooper - December 16, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ I’m so sorry to hear about Fred’s passing. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers, Deb ❤️

Kami Bolek - December 16, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fred H, Gleason.



December 16, 2025 at 01:08 PM

FH

“ From the MEC & Med Staff Office at HRMC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred H, Gleason.

From the MEC & Med Staff Office at HRMC - December 16, 2025 at 01:08 PM

TA

“ Trevor A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred H, Gleason.

Trevor A. - December 16, 2025 at 11:16 AM

JH

“ Rest well cousin. I hope there are high/low tables in heaven for pitch games. So many potluck meals and card games at your mom's house. Love to Deb and the family. Jo

Jo Herian - December 12, 2025 at 07:02 PM

JF

“ Justin Wecker Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred H, Gleason.

Justin Wecker Family - December 12, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fred H, Gleason.



December 12, 2025 at 02:19 PM

DS

“ Dr. Michael Schekall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred H, Gleason.

Dr. Michael Schekall - December 12, 2025 at 11:34 AM

DS

“ Dr. Michael Schekall purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Fred H, Gleason.



Dr. Michael Schekall - December 12, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ Will always remember the time together teaching in Brule and my keeping scorebook for his basketball games.

David Yost - December 12, 2025 at 11:05 AM

TC

“ The Hutchinson Clinic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred H, Gleason.

The Hutchinson Clinic - December 12, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Fred H, Gleason.



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