



## Jack W. Hurt

March 22, 1927 - October 20, 2020

Jack W. Hurt, 93, of Kearney, died on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at Good Samaritan Society – St. John’s in Kearney. Graveside services will be on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Kearney Cemetery. Pastor Alan Davis will officiate and there will be no visitation. Military honors will be provided at graveside. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Area Animal Shelter. 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.

Jack was born on March 22, 1927 in Kearney, NE to W. Warren and Beulah G. (Needham) Hurt. Jack attended Kearney High School and graduated with the class of 1944.

Following High School, Jack served as a radio operator in the Merchant Marines. He then joined the US Coast Guard and was honorably discharged in 1947. Jack returned to Kearney and helped his father farm while attending Kearney State College. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education in 1950, and then went to work for the Union Pacific Railroad. His first teaching job was as an English teacher at Odessa High School. While there, they recruited him to be the girls’ volleyball coach in addition to his teaching duties. In 1958 he began his teaching career at his alma mater, Kearney High School. Over the years, he taught Business Law, Accounting, and Typing. He obtained

his Master of Arts in Education degree in 1959 and continued teaching until his retirement from Kearney High in 1989. Throughout his teaching career, he worked summers as an inspector for DeKalb Corporation. Jack was a member of the Nebraska Education Association and the First United Methodist Church in Kearney.

On June 21, 1953, he married his college sweetheart and homecoming queen, Irene Martha Siebler, in Kearney. Jack and Irene were blessed with two daughters, Jennifer and Joni. They loved being Grammy and Grampy to their three grandsons and one great-grandson. Over the years, Jack was known to walk his beloved dog Annie down the country road where they lived, stopping to talk with neighbors and friends who happened to be driving by. He loved a good story, a good cup of coffee, and treasured his days on the farm. Even as his health began to fade, he maintained his witty and well known sense of humor.

Surviving relatives include his daughters, Jennifer Henricksen and husband David of Omaha, NE and Joni Fenwick and husband Mark of Kearney; grandsons, Bryan Fenwick and his wife Danielle, and Bradley Fenwick, all of Cheyenne, WY, and Warren Henricksen and his wife Alissa, and great-grandson Jack of Omaha.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife, Irene in 2017.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jack W. Hurt*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *This is late, but I remember Jack and Irene from their years at Odessa High School where he was principal and maybe later superintendent. He was also the volleyball coach.. I treasure his notes in my annual about a winning point I scored at a game. Probably the only point I scored! My father was the janitor there. Nothing but fond memories. Such a kind man with such a beautiful family! Sincere sympathy. Patty Johnston Woodside*

**Patricia K WOODSIDE** - January 30, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ *I started teaching at KHS in 1986. I quickly found out Jack was one of the funniest people I ever met! I would eat lunch in the lounge and he had me in stitches. Those were the good old days!*

*Mark Urwiller*

**Mark Urwiller** - October 30, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ *I really enjoyed the years teaching with Jack at Kearney High. His quick wit and sense of humor always made me chuckle. Most importantly, he was an excellent teacher and a good friend. He will be missed.*

*Riley Harris*

**Riley Harris** - October 29, 2020 at 07:28 PM

LS

“ In the early 60’s, I took Mr. Hurt’s typing and bookkeeping classes. He had an upbeat personality, was patient, and was a very good teacher. I used the skills he taught me for over 55 years in my career (and in my personal life, since Day One of his classes). He was a favorite teacher, and over the years, I have mentally thanked him many times for things I learned from him. My sympathies to his family.

*Linda Snyder, Erie, CO*

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**Linda Snyder** - October 29, 2020 at 03:38 PM

RG

“ Jack always had a smile and a joke for you. I remember him as a colleague at KHS. His sense of humor lightened many a gathering. Sympathies to all your family.

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**Rosie Goldberg** - October 28, 2020 at 09:45 PM

JB

“ I was lucky to have Mr. Hurt for book keeping at KHS in the late 60's. I put all his teachings to good use over the years managing a small business. Wish my grandkids had the skills he taught. He was a great guy and a great teacher. Sympathies to your family.

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**Janet Browne** - October 27, 2020 at 03:40 PM

CL

“ *To the family of Mr. Hurt,*

*Many, many years ago I was a student in Mr. Hurt's bookkeeping class. He was so young, he was so enthusiastic, and he was so patient. And although bookkeeping was never one of my strong suits, I loved the class, and I so respected Mr. Hurt as a teacher.*

*What a wonderful person he and his wife must have been.  
Condolences to the family at this sad time.*

*Carol S. Lomicky, Kearney, NE*

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**Carol S. Lomicky** - October 26, 2020 at 03:06 PM

PB

“ *Joni and family,*

*How very blessed you all were to have your father. His gentle spirit radiated throughout the family. The love he had for those around him was visible in his eyes and smile.*

*May God hold you close and may the love you feel keep you strong.  
Jim and Paula Bohlander*

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**Paula Bohlander** - October 25, 2020 at 08:09 PM

KH

“ Dear Jennifer, Joni and all of Jack’s family,

*Your dad and mom were the nicest, kindest, most beautiful people I knew. I always felt their warmth and love when I was at your home! They were true animal lovers and instilled that love of animals in their daughters. I enjoyed having Mr. Hurt for my Typing teacher. He was such a great teacher! I am so lucky to have had the opportunity to know your parents. My sincerest sympathies go out to you, Jennifer, my Best Friend from High School and all of Jack’s family. God bless you all with many wonderful memories and the knowledge that you will see them again.*

*Love,  
Karen Jen Helleberg*

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**Karen Helleberg** - October 24, 2020 at 07:41 PM

TT

“ To the family of Jack Hurt,

*I fondly remember Jack as our 11th grade Bookkeeping teacher at Kearney High School. It was the only business class available back then.*

*I wanted to major in college in business (actually finance) after Jack's class..... he was a great teacher and a great/fun guy too!!*

*Tay Tollefsen  
KHS 67' & UNL 71'  
Las Vegas, NV*

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**Tay Tollefsen** - October 24, 2020 at 04:34 PM

DP

“ *The best teachers are always the ones that leave a lasting impression on their students. I had Mr. Hurt as a teacher in the early eighties. I can definitely remember his smile, positive attitude and bubbly personality. He left lasting impressions on many students.*

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**Daren Pittman** - October 24, 2020 at 03:20 PM

KB

“ *You brought tears to my eyes Joni Hurt Fenwick. I worked with him in the business department for many years! I was beginning teacher in 1972 and he was so helpful. Lots of wonderful memories! His sense of humor made it easy to go to work each day. Good times*

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**Karen Prather Brown** - October 22, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jack W. Hurt.*



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October 22, 2020 at 08:21 PM

BA

“ *Mr. Hurt was a great teacher. He always stood outside the door before class with a friendly smile and warm and welcoming greeting. He will be missed.*

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**BRENDA ANDERSON** - October 22, 2020 at 10:17 AM

EP

“ *JACK HURT WAS THE BEST TEACHER I HAD DURING MY HIGH SCHOOL YEARS.  
A GREAT TEACHER*

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**ELDON PAYNE** - October 21, 2020 at 05:02 PM