



Jerry F. Kenny

August 16, 1955 - January 19, 2018

Jerry F. Kenny, 62, Kearney, died Friday, January 19, 2018 at Kearney Regional Medical Center. Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Ramada Inn, Paradise Room #4 with Pastor Dean Pofahl officiating. Memorials are suggested to Rowe Sanctuary, Prairie Loft Center for Outdoor and Agricultural Learning, or The Nature Conservancy Nebraska. There will be no visitation. Online condolences may be submitted by visiting www.hlmkfuneral.com. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Jerry was born August 16, 1955 in Red Cloud, Nebraska to Wayne and Viola (Fry) Kenny. He graduated from Red Cloud High School in 1973. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and doctorate and master's degree in engineering from Washington State University.

Jerry married Bridget Barron on June 3, 1978 in North Platte, Nebraska.

Jerry was a water resources engineer, and President and CEO of Headwaters Corporation with offices in Kearney, Nebraska and Lakewood, Colorado. He also served as Executive Director of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program since its inception in 2007. Kenny was a licensed Professional Civil Engineer with forty years of experience in the consulting

arena specializing in water and natural resources related projects. His career has focused on managing large-scale, multi-purpose water resource management projects, primarily in the western United States.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Bridget Barron of Kearney; sister, Martha Nelson and her husband Harold of Lincoln, NE; brothers-in-law, Dave Sullivan and his wife Catherine of Mullen, NE, Rob McCullough and his wife Cecilia of Lincoln, NE, Cosme Barron and his wife Dana of North Platte, NE; father and mother-in-law, Charles and Antonia Barron of North Platte, NE; nieces and nephews, John Otte, Sarah Lewis, Patrick & Alana Sullivan, Makaela and Carlos Barron, Kayla Moore, Kirby Jensen and Lauren McCullough.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sharon Smith.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kearney Ramada Inn Paradise room #4
301 2nd Ave.
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry F. Kenny*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *I had the pleasure and honor of working with Jerry many years ago as a consultant in Lakewood, Colorado. Even as young as I was at the time, I soon realized that Jerry was a very special person who cared deeply and profoundly about his life's work and the difference he was making. I will remember Jerry's sense of humor, his engaging wit, his principled approach to his profession, and his gentle and thoughtful manner. I am saddened by his passing, and offer my most sincere condolences to his family.*

Kevin Mentz

Kevin Mentz - November 29, 2018 at 12:28 PM



“ *Britget, I just learned about Jerry's passing and want to pass my condolences to you. I hired Jerry at ECI in Denver after he graduated and He was one of the best engineers and persons that I had the pleasure to work with. I have fond memories of both of you.*

Andy Tczap

Andy Tczap - January 30, 2018 at 12:38 PM

RD

“ Although I didn't have a chance to know Jerry, I'm very sorry he passed before I had the opportunity to meet and visit my half brother. My sincerest sympathy to his wife and family.

Ruth Kenny Draper-Helland

Ruth Kenny Draper-Helland - January 29, 2018 at 02:07 PM

MC

“ Matt Greenway, Carl Bibb and April Chaney purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



Matt Greenway, Carl Bibb and April Chaney - January 24, 2018 at 10:56 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



January 24, 2018 at 02:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



January 24, 2018 at 01:59 PM

BC

“ *Becky Mitchell and the entire CWCB purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.*



Becky Mitchell and the entire CWCB - January 24, 2018 at 12:49 PM

EP

“ *EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.*



EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC - January 24, 2018 at 10:51 AM

CB

“ *2 Of my fond memories of Jerry involved golf, he knew my passion of the sport, one of the first times I visited him in his office he said "I see you're wearing the flag" confused I said "what" and he pointed to my shirt with Sand Hills logo, even though we never played he knew where it is and continued to tell me about their spot in Mullen. The other occurred this past summer when after lunch he suggested we go over to the Goodwill store near his office as he had seen some paintings of various holes at Firethorn Golf Club he knew I would want. He was right they were ones I needed for my collection.*

Jerry was considered both and friend and a client, he will be missed.

Carl Bibb

Carl Bibb - January 23, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



January 23, 2018 at 04:56 PM



“ From Tamara, Marisa, Josephina, and Darren purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



From Tamara, Marisa, Josephina, and Darren - January 23, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ John, Patty and Flor Ortiz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



John, Patty and Flor Ortiz - January 23, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



January 23, 2018 at 01:50 PM

FW

“ When I arrived in Lincoln in 1973. Jerry was the first person I met, also my roommate. The universe works strange magic. The best magic was allowing me to have Jerry in my life all these years. I will miss my brother.

Frank Williams - January 23, 2018 at 07:37 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



January 22, 2018 at 08:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



January 22, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



January 22, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.*



January 22, 2018 at 11:43 AM



“ *From The Nebraska Community Foundation purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.*



From The Nebraska Community Foundation - January 22, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.*



January 22, 2018 at 08:18 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.*



January 21, 2018 at 04:33 PM

DP

“ Sincere condolences to Bridget, Martha & all the family. Jerry was a classmate at RCHS, a brilliant guy in so many respects & a friend. A friendship that endured through the years. A treasured memory is the Sunday morning spin south of the river in the Mustang when we were in RC for the alumni banquet & our 40th class reunion. You will be greatly missed.

Dau'n (Watson) Powers

Dau'n (Watson) Powers - January 21, 2018 at 03:34 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Kenny.



January 20, 2018 at 09:43 PM

JH

“ He will never be replaced - he was unique. His brilliant, often understated intelligence and sharp wit bridged and quieted many seemingly un-crossable troubled waters with solutions that benefited everyone.

While to some he was intense, Jerry had a quiet, loveable heart that reached out to everyone. His pointed wit, loveable smile and bear-hug handshake underlined a man who tried to care about and be fair to everyone he met.

We worked on several important projects together and he embraced good science, thoughtful innovation and a "we can do it" attitude facing each challenge.

The best part about Gerry's qualities are that he made everyone he touched a better person and that they continue to carry his influence to this day. So as the Platte River he loved ebbs and flows through the seasons and millennia, it, and all of us, are better for the way Jerry flowed through our lives. Never forget! Love you man, John Henz

John F. Henz - January 20, 2018 at 07:04 PM

MM

“ The first time I met you in Harper Hall I thought you were a hippy from New Jersey.

I was wrong you were of the Red Cloud variety. We will miss you buddy.

Mark Matousek - January 20, 2018 at 01:20 PM

AN

“ Jerry's work on the Platte was important. He did good. I will miss him.

anthony - January 20, 2018 at 09:48 AM