



John F. Kuecker

March 21, 1932 - December 27, 2011

Dr. John F. Kuecker Ph.D., age 79, of Kearney died Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at his home. Funeral services will be Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church in Kearney. Rev. Eric Lesher and Rev. Rebecca McDermott will officiate. Burial will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday, January 2, 2011 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and 1 hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday. Memorials are suggested to the family for designation at a later date. A message of condolence, tribute or memory can be left at www.hlmkfuneral.com Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

John was born on March 21, 1932 to Edwin and Lillian (Ericson) Kuecker in Webster SD. John married Evelith Engelsgaard on August 29, 1958 at the Sinai Lutheran Church in Sinai, SD. Four children were born to this union; William, Jay, Mark and Rodney. John graduated from Webster High School, in 1950 and Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, SD in 1954 with a B. S. Degree in Education, majoring in physical science, mathematics and biology. John taught high school chemistry, physical science and biology at Sisseton, SD for two years in '54 '55 and '56 '57 and completed a B. S. Degree in Chemistry at the same time at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City, SD and graduating in 1958. He completed a Master of Science Degree in Chemistry in 1962 at University of Nebraska at Lincoln and

a Ph. D. in Chemistry in 1965. He served as a Graduate Assistant while working on his degrees at UNL from 1958 1965. He taught chemistry at Doane College in Crete, NE for two years (1963 1965) before joining the Chemistry Department at Kearney State College in 1965 as a Professor of Chemistry. John retired in 1996 after teaching at KSC & UNK for 31 years. He served as a Chemistry Department Chairman for several years and was proud to be a chairman of a National Education Science Foundation project. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and wife and travelled a great deal. His hobbies included: hunting, fishing, rock collecting and polishing, making jewelry, stain glass, photography, reading, doing crossword puzzles, playing card games, woodworking and traveling all over the United States and Canada. He even enjoyed going overseas to Germany, Egypt, and Norway. He also had a keen interest in the beginning of personal computers back in the seventies writing several computer programs. He was a member of First Lutheran Church and in the earlier days, he served on the church council, took part in bible study group, taught the Bethel Bible Series, was a sound technician and usher. He was a member of the Fort Kearney Lapidary Club, Sons of Norway, American Chemical Society and Opdalslag.

Surviving Relatives:

Wife Evy Kuecker, of Kearney

Sons William Kuecker, of Kearney

Jay and Marcia Kuecker, of Kearney

Mark and Ann Kuecker, of Elkhorn, NE

Rodney and Tracey Kuecker, of Colorado Springs, CO

Grandchildren Jon, Luke, Jenna, Seth, Aaron, Ryan, Ellie, Dalton, Garrett, Kayla, Jaylynn and Eva.

Sister Betty and Jim Glosimodt, of Watertown, SD

Brothers Ed and Mary Kuecker, of Webster, SD

Charles Kuecker, of Webster, SD

Paul and Shirley Kuecker, of Webster, SD

David and Debbie Kuecker, of Webster, SD

Roger and Carol Kuecker, of Webster, SD

Sisters in law: Lorraine Engelsgaard, of Santa Paula, CA

Mildred Schill, of Huron, SD

Brothers in law Arley Engelsgaard, of Lafayette, CO

Duane and Rosie Engelsgaard, of Citrus Heights, CA

Glen and Charlene Engelsgaard, of Visalia, CA

Several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother (Edwin and Lillian), his sister and brother in law Mary Ann and Alvin Olson and sister in law Molly Kuecker.

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Tribute Wall



“ *John F. Kuecker*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. I did not see this until recently. More than likely we were related from Great Grandparents in Iowa in the 1800's. John sounds like an interesting guy.*

Rod Kuecker - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM