



Larry E. Butler

June 18, 1950 - December 2, 2019

Larry E. Butler, 69, of Kearney, passed away Monday, December 2, 2019, in Las Vegas, NV. Services will be on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Joe Hannappel will officiate and burial will be later. Visitation with family will be on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to his family for later designation to the City of Kearney, Kearney Catholic High School, Kearney Public Schools, University of Nebraska at Kearney and the CHI Good Samaritan Health System Cancer Center. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Larry was born on June 18, 1950 in Kearney, NE to James R. and Mildred L. (Sorensen) Butler. He attended Kearney High School and graduated with the class of 1968. Larry then attended Kearney State College, graduating in 1973, and later Creighton University School of Law, graduating in 1977. He was united in marriage to Barbara L. Falconer on June 7, 1982 in Tahoe.

Larry was a lifelong resident of Kearney. He was very active in the community and enjoyed seeing the city grow. Larry was a practicing attorney in Kearney and recently slowed down his practice and became of counsel at the Tye &

Rowling Law Firm. Larry practiced in Kearney for 40 plus years with the majority of time with the law firm of Butler, Voigt & Stewart. He was a member of the Buffalo County Bar Association serving as president from 1989 to 1990, the Nebraska State Bar Association, and a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association Member Dues Grievance Committee. He also previously served on the House of Delegates for the 9th Judicial District and was a former member of the Committee on Inquiry for the Supreme Court of Nebraska 6th District.

Larry was involved with numerous organizations across Kearney. He attended Sertoma regularly. He served on many different boards of directors for the last thirty plus years for Good Samaritan Health Systems and Catholic Health Initiative (CHI). He previously served on the Boards of Directors for Good Samaritan Health Systems, CHI-Nebraska, Richard H. Young Hospital, Buffalo County Community Health Partners, and Sentinel Health Care. Larry has also been involved in the Kearney baseball scene previously serving on the board of directors for Kearney Little League and the Kearney Knights Legion Baseball Program. Larry was also involved with the Buffalo County Agricultural Association for 40 years. Most recent, Larry was serving on the CHI Health Regional Board of Directors, the Kearney Catholic High School Foundation Board of Directors, Town & Country Bank Board of Directors, Five Points Bank Board of Directors, the University of Nebraska at Kearney University Village Development Corporation, the Community Redevelopment Authority of the City of Kearney and the Merryman Performing Arts Center Board of Directors.

Larry enjoyed spending time with his family. He was an early riser and loved making breakfast for his family when everyone was back home. He also loved to play cards and five-point pitch was a regular game he and his family would play. Larry was great in the kitchen and was always finding new recipes to try. Larry helped people. He helped his clients, he helped his friends and he

helped his family.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Barbara of Kearney; sons, Andrew of Grand Island and Robert of Kearney; sisters, Barbara Bly of Arkansas, Linda (Delbert) Gooder of Kearney. Sister-in-law, Carol (John) Knorr of Hickman, Nebraska. The beloved pets in his life Lola and Hamilton. As well as nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, Ray and Sarah Falconer; nephew, Jimmy Carrico.

Larry is a special person and will be missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

DEC 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry E. Butler*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Today , reading the January Nebraska Lawyer I was shocked to read that Larry died. He was my roommate at Creighton Law School and a close friend there . Larry had an infectious sense of humor , vivacious personality and a unique laugh that is unforgettable. Obviously he had an incredibly successful life by every measure . Larry was a richly gifted person.*

Brian Campbell - January 11, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ *Barb-you know how special Larry was to me. He was the bright light who got me through my darkest hours. Without him, I shudder to think where I would be. Not only my attorney, but my friend.*

Doug Church - December 12, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ *Pat Hendrickson lit a candle in memory of Larry E. Butler*



Pat Hendrickson - December 11, 2019 at 10:06 PM

PH

“ Dear Barb, Bob & Andy,
I was very sad to hear of Larry's death. I have many great memories of our fun times together over the years. Larry was a fun loving guy who was also very kind & caring.
He generously shared his time & talents with many organizations & was a friend to many.
He didn't miss a thing & had a great sense of humor & just was fun to be around.
His devotion to the Good Samaritan/CHI hospital board for many years was especially valued by all who interacted with him.
Larry was a treasure & I am grateful to have known him as was my late husband Bill.
He will be missed greatly by many...
My sincere sympathy to Larry's loved ones & family.
Pat Hendrickson

Pat Hendrickson - December 11, 2019 at 09:53 PM

DZ

“ Dear Family... Larry will be missed by the Buffalo County Community Partners Board of Directors and hundreds of volunteers who benefited from his legal advise and most importantly his friendship. Larry's face would always light up when he saw you and always took time to visit and hear about your family. We are blessed to have him in our lives. Thank you for sharing him with us and the community. Gods Blessings.

Denise Zwiener - December 11, 2019 at 10:44 AM

LH

“ Linda, Barb and families, wow so many memories of growing up neighbors. I remember all the Baseball games we went to and watching Larry play, Such fun times, Collins park, Dryden Park, always finding rides, Also remember the time Larry fell and broke his arms at Behns, all the sandlot games we played and had such fun, So sorry I could not make the service, I have a commitment I need to honor today, just know my thoughts and prayers are with you all, Much love and comfort, Lucille Moffett Hallberg

Lucile Moffett Hallberg - December 11, 2019 at 09:50 AM

SN

“ Larry has been a great sense of support throughout the years. My condolences to his family. He was a wonderful and compassionate man.



Shawn Neff - December 10, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry E. Butler.



December 10, 2019 at 12:22 PM

OO

“ Olsson - Kearney Office purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry E. Butler.



Olsson - Kearney Office - December 10, 2019 at 12:22 PM

SB

“ Larry was an amazing individual . . . he has left an amazing Legacy for his Family and for KEARNEY. He will be missed by all who knew him...a friend to everyone who met him.

Susan Bigg - December 09, 2019 at 04:47 PM

CD

“ CHI Health & CHI Health Board of Directors purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Larry E. Butler.



CHI Health & CHI Health Board of Directors - December 09, 2019 at 02:09 PM

MD

“ I loved the way Larry's face scrunched up when he told one of his many stories!
For instance "Larry the pot builder" at poker. We will miss him very much!
Mike & Jody Heeney

Michael J Heeney DDS - December 09, 2019 at 11:10 AM

KR

“ *Barb, Rob and I had so many great times with you and Larry. We will miss his friendship and his sense of humor. We both wish we could be with you, Andy and Bobby on Tuesday and Wednesday, but we won't be able to make the trip.*



Katie Richards - December 08, 2019 at 06:13 PM

KR

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Katie Richards - December 08, 2019 at 06:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry E. Butler.*



December 06, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Larry E. Butler.*



December 05, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Aunt Barb, we were so saddened by the news. We always had so much fun on our visits. Loved his sense of humor and hearing his cooking stories. Love you and the boys. Debi Knorr and family*

Debi Slothower-Knorr - December 04, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Larry. He was always a friendly guy.*

Luann Zastrow - December 04, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ *Mandi Shultz-vasquez lit a candle in memory of Larry E. Butler*



mandi shultz-vasquez - December 04, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ *Larry was always so kind and helpful. He would go out of his way if we ever needed anything. He will be missed by many.*

Doreen Sheen - December 04, 2019 at 01:28 PM

JB

“ Barb and family, we are so sad about Larry. You two so loved each other, that was always apparent to those around you. I never saw Larry without a smile and he brought such joy to this world. We love you and are praying for God’s comfort to always be felt. Jeff and Nanette

Jeff and Nanette Beattie - December 04, 2019 at 12:37 PM

DN

“ Our condolences to the Larry Butler family.. Dave and Jane Nelson

Dave Nelson - December 04, 2019 at 10:50 AM

AS

“ Anna Sobotka-Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Larry E. Butler



Anna Sobotka-Schroeder - December 04, 2019 at 10:37 AM

AS

“ Angie Shultz-Schroer lit a candle in memory of Larry E. Butler



Angie Shultz-Schroer - December 03, 2019 at 11:27 PM

LH

“ *Lucille Tooty Moffett Hallberg lit a candle in memory of Larry E. Butler*



Lucille Tooty Moffett Hallberg - December 03, 2019 at 10:49 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Larry E. Butler.*



December 03, 2019 at 05:50 PM

JS

“ *Jerry And Judy Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Larry E. Butler*



jerry and judy schroeder - December 03, 2019 at 05:11 PM