



Larry W. Houtz

July 29, 1940 - June 7, 2017

Larry W. Houtz, 76, of Kearney, died Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at the Mother Hull Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be Monday, June 12, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Kearney Church of Christ with Mr. Greg Clark officiating. Entombment will be in the mausoleum at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Horner-Lieske-McBride and Kuhl Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Monday morning at the Church. Memorials are planned to the family to be designated later. Visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements. Larry was born July 29, 1940 in Madrid, Nebraska to Lawrence "Ike" E. and Sarah M. (Chase) Houtz. He was a graduate of Madrid High School in 1958 where he was also an outstanding athlete. Larry attended college at Kearney State Teachers College. He was married to Judith "Judy" M. Ourada on December 20, 1959 and after his graduation from college with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1962, they moved to Venango, NE where Larry taught from 1962-1965. He then taught in Ravenna from 1965-1966 and Chappell from 1966-1968 when they moved to Kearney. Larry received his Masters Degree in Counseling in 1966 and taught and was a counselor in the Kearney Public School system from 1968 until he retired in 2000. Larry was a member of the Kearney Church Of Christ, Friends Program (Big Brothers and Big Sisters) and the Crisis Team for the Kearney Public Schools. He was instrumental in starting the 9th grade girls basketball

program. He also enjoyed fishing, stamp collecting and was a train enthusiast. Larry was an avid reader, especially of James Michener novels. Larry is survived by his wife Judy of Kearney; son, Doug Houtz and his wife Cindy of Kearney; 3 daughters, Sandra "Sandy" Sitter and her husband Steve, Jane Parrett and her husband Brent, and Linda Parker and her husband Joel all of Edmond, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Jenna and Kristen Sitter, David and Rachel Parrett, Sarah and Preston Parker of Edmond, OK and Danielle Houtz and Sarah Jensen and her husband Dru of Kearney; great grandchildren, Tate and Dylan Straatmann of Kearney; brother, Glen Houtz and his wife Kathi of Lincoln and brother in law, Dan Spelts of Arlington, TX. Larry was preceded in death by one grandson, Blaine Houtz, one granddaughter, Emily Houtz and one sister, Jean.

Tribute Wall



Jon
Borges

“ Sorry to hear of his passing. Clearly I have been MIA, since his presence has been missed since 2017. I remember him being such a kind person when I was in the 10th grade/1989. Going through my school stuff, years later, I found a Spring Home Report done by him and decided to google his name.
He leaves a legacy of kindness where the ripples will be felt across a milenium. That is all an educational professional could ask for...that their teaching, their kindness paved the way for so many.

Jon Borges - January 11, 2024 at 08:51 PM



“ *Larry W. Houtz*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to your family. I was a teacher at Central Elementary when Larry was a counselor there. I remember Larry for his thoughtfulness and caring both for students and staff. Larry was a great guy, and I am so sorry for your loss.
His passing is a loss for all of us.*

Linda Liebig - June 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was saddened to see Larry's name placard missing from his door when I visited my parents when I returned from a business trip on Friday. My dog Louie and I will miss seeing Judy and Larry on our visits to Mother Hull Home.*

Craig Peshek - June 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Judy, I was sorry to hear about Larry's passing. I have great memories of him competing against me in high school track meets. What a great competitor. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family in this time of sorrow.

*Jim Holland
Your Classmate of 1958*

Jim Holland - June 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Sincere sympathy learning of Larry's passing. Wishing you comfort and peace in your love and memories of him.

Marcia Jacobson - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Judy and the entire family.

Lori Wiles Hasty - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ God's comfort and peace be upon you and your family. It's never easy to lose a parent. Praising the Lord that he was a Christian and left a great legacy for you.

Allen & Fran Kramer - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Our prayers for and sympathy to the family, having known Larry for years and serving with him on Nebraska Youth Camp board, we appreciate his faithfulness to the Lord and his willingness to serve him. We extend our love.

Reed & Betty Munsell - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Judy and family, I offer my condolences to you upon Larry's death. My dad, Bob Tishendorf, thought very highly of him, and over the years I heard many stories about Larry's athletic prowess and accomplishments. I pray that you will know God's peace which passes all understanding.*

Tanny Akerson - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM