



Lee W. Wells

March 4, 1945 - May 12, 2023

Lee W. Wells, 78, of Kearney, formerly of Elm Creek, passed May 12, 2023 at Rose Lane Home in Loup City, Nebraska. Funeral Services will be 10:30 am, May 18, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church. The burial will follow the service at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, May 17, 2023 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials are suggested to Zion Lutheran Church or Zion Lutheran School.

Lee was born March 4, 1945, to Charles and Irene (Judy) Wells in Kearney. He grew up on a farm North of Elm Creek and attended rural district 94 and Elm Creek Public Schools and graduated from Holdrege High School in 1963. He graduated from the National Electronics Institute of Denver in 1964.

In 1965 he began working for Buffalo County as a draftsman preparing the cadastral maps of the County. On September 18, 1965 Lee married Phyllis Wenzlick and they made their home in Kearney until 1967 when moving to their home on Easy Street in Elm Creek. Lee and Phyllis were blessed with four children: Sheri, Cindi, Steven, and Mandi.

While attending Kearney State College Lee worked in the Buffalo County Surveyor's Office where he received the necessary training to apply for a Nebraska Registered Land Surveyor's License, RLS 315, in the fall of 1974.

He continued working for the County and Buffalo Surveying Corp. until May of 1999 when he accepted a position with CNPPID in Holdrege, retiring in October 2015. They moved back to Kearney in November of 2020.

He was baptized and confirmed as a member of Zion Lutheran Church on March 8, 1997 where he later served as an usher. He was also a member of A.C.S.M., the American Congress of Surveying, and PSAN, Professional Surveyor's Assn. of Nebraska, having served as past president and on various committees. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association.

He enjoyed his family and grandchildren and attending their activities. His interests included watching Husker Sports and the Tri-City Storm Hockey having been inaugural season tickets holders. He also enjoyed deer hunting, car racing and visiting friends and fellow colleagues. He and Phyllis also enjoyed their many bus tours.

Lee is survived by his wife Phyllis of Kearney; son Steven and Jessica of Lincoln; daughters, Sheri and Brian Rumbeck of Amherst, Cindi and Jeff Richter of Kearney, Mandi Blessing of Kearney; grandchildren, Isaac and Mikaela Richter of West Point, IA, Rachel and Kyle Andersen of Omaha, Christian Richter, Eli Richter of Kearney, Karlie Rumbeck Oberlin, KS, Austyn Rumbeck, Bladen Rumbeck of Amherst, Ashleigh Welch and Colton Wells of Lincoln, Tyson, Anthony, and Blake Wilbur, and Trevor Blessing of Kearney; great granddaughter, Adalyn Richter of West Point, IA; brother, Larry Wells of Elm Creek; sister-in-law, Shirley Hazzard of Elkhorn; brother-in-law, Douglas and Joan Wenzlick of Imperial; nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-laws, Lawrence and Ileen Wenzlick, aunt, Gladys Wells, and brother-in-law, Robert Hazzard.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
2421 Ave. C
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lee W. Wells.* ”



May 18, 2023 at 12:10 AM



“ *I really enjoyed knowing Lee over the years while working in both of our Surveying Professions. It was always a pleasure to be visiting with and working with Lee. My sympathy to all of Lee's family. Lee was a professional and a very good man.* ”

Bob Heese - May 17, 2023 at 11:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lee W. Wells.* ”



May 17, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ *Julie Reardon lit a candle in memory of Lee Wells* ”



Julie Reardon - May 17, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Lee W. Wells.

May 16, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Lee W. Wells.



May 16, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ *Olsson Engineering/Surveying* purchased the *Florist Choice Bouquet* for the family of Lee W. Wells.



Olsson Engineering/Surveying - May 16, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ *Lee was a very good friend of mine and served on the PSAN board for many years. He also volunteered for many committees. I always looked forward to seeing him at the PSAN annual meeting. Our condolences. David & Jacki Schmitz*

David Schmitz - May 16, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lee W. Wells.



May 15, 2023 at 03:51 PM



“ Larry D Wells purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lee W. Wells.



Larry D Wells - May 15, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ Brian & Kathleen Foecke purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lee W. Wells.



Brian & Kathleen Foecke - May 14, 2023 at 03:58 PM