



Leslie "Les" C. Stevens

May 17, 1942 - January 7, 2019

Leslie "Les" C. Stevens, 76, Kearney, died Monday, January 7, 2019 at CHI Health – Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. Pastor Dean Pofahl will officiate and burial will be at Armada Cemetery in Miller, NE. Visitation will be on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and also 1 hour prior to services on Friday, all at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials can be sent to the family for later designation. Online condolences may be submitted at www.hlmkfuneral.com Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Leslie Charles Stevens was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming on May 17, 1942 to William W. and Etta Deldee (Martin) Stevens. He grew up on the family farm near Miller, Nebraska. He attended school there and graduated from Sumner High School in 1961. Les moved to Hastings shortly after graduation for work where he met his wife, Margene A. Rose. They were married on May 7, 1966 in Rosemont, Nebraska at Calvary Lutheran Church. They made their home in Hastings where they had three children. They moved to Kearney in 1974.

Les worked for Nebraska Department of Roads, Rockwell International, Eaton Corporation and owned and operated Stevens' Lawn Service and Fencing. He later worked at the Buffalo County Court House and retired in 2005.

He was a member of the Kearney Men's Bowling Association and was inducted into the Kearney Bowling Hall of Fame in 1996. He bowled on several leagues throughout the years. He was a former member of the Eagles club where he served as president and also held other offices.

Les enjoyed reading and took great pride in his flower and vegetable gardens. He loved to fish and spend time with family and friends. He will be remembered for his infectious smile, sense of humor and loyal friendship.

He is survived by wife of 52 years, Margene; His children, William (Bill) Stevens of Gothenburg, Laura Davis of North Platte and John Stevens and his wife Lisa of Kearney; Seven grandchildren, Eric Stevens of Lincoln, Carlie Stevens of Omaha, Hayley Stevens of Gothenburg, Amelia, Olivia and Elaina Davis of North Platte and Tyler Stevens of Kearney; brothers, Wendell (Joan) Stevens of Kearney, Mike Broadbent of Green Bay Wisconsin; sister, Virginia (Don) Butler of Elm Creek.

He was preceded by his parents and stepfather, Stanley Broadbent; father in law, Frank Rose; brother, Eldon Stevens; sister and brother in-law, Geneva and Jim Sickler; son in law, Shawn Davis; infant granddaughter, Kayla Stevens.

Cemetery Details

Armada Cemetery

Miller, NE 68858

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
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Funeral Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie "Les" C. Stevens*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Dear Laura and family,
So sorry to hear about Les. I always enjoyed talking and joking with him when he worked at the courthouse and when we would see him outside taking care of his lawn & garden as we walked to the park on breaks.*

May your memories bring you peace, comfort and strength.

Cindy Fankhauser

Cindy Fankhauser - January 18, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ *Margene, so sorry to hear of your loss. Les was a great guy! I always enjoyed him at the Lodge. He had the biggest heart and was so kind. Take care. Claire Longly*

Claire Longly - January 09, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ *Deb Davis Melroy lit a candle in memory of Leslie "Les" C. Stevens*



Deb Davis Melroy - January 09, 2019 at 06:21 PM

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“ *Margene: Our deepest Sympathy to You and Your Family on the loss of Les.*

Ron & Janie Hartman - Blue Hill

Ron Hartman - January 09, 2019 at 03:17 PM

NE

“ *I will always remember his beautiful raised flower bed he had in his backyard when I was a kid, his outgoing personality and the smile he always greets everyone with.*

Nephew - January 07, 2019 at 07:50 PM

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“ *We always remember Les kidding us whenever we were with him. He had his own sense of humor and that twinkle in his eye.*
Dave and Pat Snyder

Pat and Dave Snyder - January 07, 2019 at 06:47 PM

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Les was a loyal friend for over 65 years. We were classmates from second grade through graduation. Among many fond memories are these two. In Jr. High we were playing touch football at recess. Les went out for a pass and attempted a flying dive for the football. His head hit the side of the school. Les rolled over-----shook his head and got up as though nothing happened. He was one tough guy.

In science class one day we were mixing up different concoctions. Someone mixed up a batch that smelled like rotten eggs. The science teacher said, "get that out of here". So Les did as told. He dumped it down the sink To everyone's amazement the smell spread through the school building for 2 or 3 days. Down through the years we laughed about that every time we drank coffee together.

It was a privilege to have Les as a friend. You will be missed buddy.

Pastor J. H. Schroeder

J. H. Schroeder - January 09, 2019 at 01:25 PM