



Lyle J. McKay

April 2, 1930 - June 9, 2012

Lyle "Jim" J. McKay, 82, of Kearney, died Saturday, June 9, 2012 at the Nebraska Veterans Home in Grand Island. Memorial services will be Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Grace Fellowship Church with Jim Wilson officiating. Military Rites will be provided at the Church by the Kearney American Legion Post #52, Kearney V.F.W. Post #759, and United States Navy Funeral Honors Team. Memorials are suggested to the UNK Athletic Foundation. A message of condolence, tribute or memory can be left at www.hlmkfuneral.com. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney are in charge of arrangements. Jim was born April 2, 1930 in Fairbury, Nebraska to Lyle and Clara (Zimmerman) McKay. He graduated in 1949 from Teachers College High School in Lincoln. He joined the Navy in October of 1950 and served during the Korean Conflict until 1954. Jim married Betty Love in Lincoln on February 10, 1952. They moved to Kearney in 1962. He owned and operated Ray's Pizza from 1962 until 1972. He also became involved with the Kearney State College Athletic Department helping with the football team, eventually serving as the Equipment Manager. He retired in 1995. He enjoyed over 50 years of service to the Athletes of UNK. Jim was a big fan and supporter of UNK Athletics. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed tying jigs and flies for fishing. Surviving relatives: Wife Betty McKay of Kearney, NE Sons Dennis and Brenda McKay of Avondale, AZ Barry McKay of Kearney, NE Daughters: Pam and Ray Dorothy of McCook, NE Nancy and Tom Davidson of Kearney, NE Patti and Randy Busch of Kearney, NE Brothers Jerry and Mary McKay of Omaha, NE Robert "Bob" and Kim McKay of Lincoln, NE Sisters Jo Ann and Keith Brown of Lincoln, NE Judy and Dick Chloupek of Lincoln, NE Brother In Law Ray Brown of Hastings, NE Special Friend: Debbie Welty Tucker of Thornton, CO 11 Grandchildren and 9 Great Grandchildren Jim was preceded in death by one brother Dennis McKay, and one sister Doris Brown

Tribute Wall



“ Lyle J. McKay

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“ Met Jim at the gym. He was a go to guy for anything under the sun. One of my favorite moments when he was showing us the catfish he and Vaughn had pulled out of a big hole where the Blue and Republican River ran together. Looked like one those reality shows. Great guy. Glad to have known him.

Ron Osborn - July 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM