



Mark H. Meyer, MD

February 21, 1948 - August 27, 2025

Mark H. Meyer M.D. passed away August 27, 2025. Memorial services will be 1:00 PM, Saturday, September 6, 2025, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Kearney with Reverends Charles Peek and Christopher Szarkey officiating. There will be additional seating available at the Merryman Performing Arts Center where the service will be live streamed. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to the UNMC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund at UNK in care of Dr. Mark H. Meyer or the UNK Aviation Program Excellence Fund, Fund #01169040. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a message or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

Dr. Mark H. Meyer was born on February 21, 1948, in Fremont, Nebraska, to Lawrence and Anona (Grosch) Meyer. He graduated from Uhling High School and went on to earn his undergraduate degree from Midland Lutheran College. He received his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Gorgas Hospital in the Panama Canal Zone.

A respected and devoted physician, Dr. Meyer owned and operated the Kearney Bone and Joint Clinic for over 40 years. Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Meyer provided orthopedic care and sports medicine to the Kearney area, numerous medical clinics across Nebraska and South Dakota,

and internationally with medical missions to Africa. He was known for his exceptional surgical skill, compassionate care, and dedication to expanding access to high-quality medical care in rural communities. He touched countless lives, both locally and abroad, through his patient care and generous spirit.

On February 28, 1981, he married Claudia Jayne Hennek. Together, they raised a family and built a life grounded in love, adventure, and community. Mark was a devoted husband, father, grandfather (“Babu”), brother, and friend. His warmth, humor, and unwavering kindness left an indelible mark on all who knew him. Whether caring for patients, piloting a plane, singing in a choir, or working on the farm, Mark never slowed down. Known for his quick wit, “Markisms,” and friendly, approachable nature, he had a unique gift for putting others at ease.

Mark was a passionate farmer, a skilled pilot, and a true cowboy. He also enjoyed being the ringside physician at many boxing events in the Midwest. Mark found happiness in spending time with family, running, watching and ushering at baseball games, tinkering with farm equipment, good hot-sauce, and talking on the phone with strangers.

He served as a board member at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, president of the Mid-Central States Orthopedic Society, and was a charter member of the Buffalo County Medical Society. He was also a member of the Nebraska Orthopedic Association, Mid-America Orthopedic Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and a Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

He is survived by his wife: Claudia Jayne Meyer of Kearney, NE; children: Erich (Stacy) Meyer of Arlington, NE; Alex (Jennifer) Meyer of Omaha, NE; Julie (John) Brestin of North Bend, WA; and Lindsay (Neal) Bonacci of

Elkhorn, NE. He leaves behind his beloved grandchildren: Emily (Amrinder) Brestin-Singh, Jessamyn (Timothy) Ly, Simeon Brestin, Analise (Cole) Glossinger, Teaghan and Octavia Brestin, Elisibeth and Allysyn Meyer, Oliver, Elliott, and Alexander Meyer, Lillian and Vivian Kroll, and Lane, Caraline, and Hanna Bonacci; as well as his great-granddaughters, Jovie Brestin and Rosalie Glossinger.

He is also survived by his siblings: David (Dora) Meyer, Philip (Jane) Meyer, Paul (Sue) Meyer, and Sarah (Mike) Gillette; mother-in-law Darlene Hennek Trautman; brothers-in-law Rod (Lynne) Hennek, Tom Hennek, Randy Strohmyer; sisters-in-law Patty (Mike) Mandelko and Mary (Scott) Hofferber; and many beloved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Dr. Meyer was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Anona Meyer; father-in-law, Gene Hennek; stepfather-in-law, Dwight Trautman; and sister-in-law, Kris Strohmyer.

Mark's legacy lives on in the many lives he touched — through his healing hands, his boundless curiosity, and his enduring love for family, community, and service. He will be profoundly missed and lovingly remembered.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2304 2nd Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall

JS

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Joel Schwiesow - September 06, 2025 at 09:41 PM

DJ

“ Dr. Meyer did my hip surgery 5 years ago. Still works! I enjoyed my visits with him. We talked about old cars, flying, and my health. He will be missed.

Dale E Jackson Jr. - September 06, 2025 at 08:45 AM

SS

“ Dr. Meyer was a wonderful family friend spanning over decades. In my young years, he was the fun Onion Doc that visited from Kearney, to my college years as bonded over aviation and adventures. I have fond memories of fishing trips in Alaska with Mark. He was always such a character, fun loving and man that knew more than a thing or two about hot sauce.

Sydne Schiefen - September 05, 2025 at 08:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



September 05, 2025 at 03:21 PM

JG

“ I knew Mark at Midland College. We were on the track team together. We moved to Kearney a few years ago and got reacquainted at St Luke’s. So sorry for your loss of this good guy. We are thinking of you all.

John Gumb - September 05, 2025 at 03:05 PM

MH

“ I worked in surgery with Dr Meyer at Chase County Hospital in Imperial for many years. We spent many late hours together with the surgery crew! He used to laugh & say that at midnight he got his 2nd wind!!! He loved to joke & tell stories & then would just break into a song!! He had a beautiful voice!! Dr Meyer brought us Christmas trees & even brought a big trailer load of hay for me for our horses!! My daughter also worked with him on Saturday mornings doing sports medicine clinics here in Imperial. Dr Meyer was one of a kind & will be dearly missed! Margene Hayes

margene hayes - September 05, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



September 05, 2025 at 09:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark H. Meyer, MD.

September 05, 2025 at 09:00 AM

SF

“ Stryker UE Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



Stryker UE Family - September 04, 2025 at 07:41 PM

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Stryker UE Family - September 04, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



September 04, 2025 at 12:10 PM

YF

“ Your Stryker UE Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



Your Stryker UE Family - September 04, 2025 at 11:17 AM

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Your Stryker UE Family - September 04, 2025 at 11:17 AM

CS

“ Dr. Meyer was the surgeon that fixed my dislocating knee caps when I was in highschool. He also explained to why girls were just not built to play sports. 😊 I learned a lot from him with all my knee issues. I had to spend some time in the hospital with a staph infection but he made sure to check in on me often and make being away from home not so bad.
To the Meyer family I am so sorry for your loss.
Cindy(Kolar) Schellpeper

Cindy Kolar Schellpeper - September 03, 2025 at 08:16 PM

TA

“ Our deepest condolences to you Jayne, Erich, and the entire Meyer family. Mark was a wonderful person and skilled surgeon. I'll never forget him, he was one of a kind. Jayne, you and Mark were always so kind to me with my interactions with him surrounding orthopaedics. I so enjoyed my time with you both. My God uplift your hearts. Tim and Marsha Artz

Tim Artz - September 03, 2025 at 04:35 PM



We are very sorry for you and your family's loss Mark and you had such a great impact on so many. I would like to share my testament. On January 6th 1980 I woke up in Good Samaritan Hospital after a terrible car accident. Doctor Meyerle and his nurse Jayne were making calls. Dr Meyer explained to me how he had repaired compound fractures in my leg/ankle and also right arm where he had installed a five hole plate and screws. His bedside approach was straight forward and blunt. At age 16 I could recognize the special spark between the Dr and my very special nurse Jayne. I was scared and hurt really bad But with the Mark and Jayne team I felt genuine compassion and reassurance that I would survive. Some months later I was doing more than was advised and broke my arm again. I called Dr Meyer and told him. He advised me to meet him at Good Sam at noon. I arrived right at noon as we were walking to the south door entrance a Harley Davidson pulled up and over the sidewalk parking in the flower bed. He greeted me and said let's have a look He said Ogorzolka I think I do pretty good work and you have really tested my work (with a chuckle). So Dr Meyer fixed it again with a bigger plate and more screws So some more follow ups and he always joked with me possibly being his worst patient But the point of this story is I felt loved by my Doctor and Nurse never did feel like a cow getting run through the chute. I called some thirty years later for some advice and Doc said Ogorzolka your getting old as dirt. How the heck you been? I have always felt I special bond between Dr Meyer and Jayne because of the professional compassionate care I received some 45 years ago

Todd Ogorzolka - September 04, 2025 at 12:17 AM

JC

Jayne, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to you and your entire family. Mark was a good guy. I worked with him often and I remember one of his quotes in surgery: "Sometimes the enemy of good, is better." I also remember helping him load onions into a grain bin one time and I thought I was going to have a heart attack. Actually, he too thought I was going to have a heart attack. He was a few years older and it was everything I could do to keep up with him. He was an outstanding surgeon and as ornery as the day is long. But I loved the guy. How could you not.

John Cahill

john Cahill - September 04, 2025 at 06:54 PM

TA

“ Timothy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark H. Meyer, MD.

Timothy A. - September 03, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark H. Meyer, MD.

September 03, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



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LF

“ Love, The Woodis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark H. Meyer, MD.

Love, The Woodis Family - September 03, 2025 at 12:00 PM

LF

“ Love, The Woodis Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



Love, The Woodis Family - September 03, 2025 at 12:00 PM

LB

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Lara Bee - September 02, 2025 at 10:42 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



September 02, 2025 at 08:04 PM

GB

“ Gary and Jenny Barth purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



Gary and Jenny Barth - September 02, 2025 at 06:12 PM

GB

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Gary and Jenny Barth - September 02, 2025 at 06:12 PM

NL

“ We are sending the Meyer family our deepest condolences at this time. We have been keeping you all in our hearts and in our prayers. Sending you SO much love!

Sincerely,

Jim, Lisa, Natalie, Jackson, & Emma Bassford

Natalie Lanphear - September 02, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



September 02, 2025 at 01:13 PM

HC

“ Jayne, I am so sorry. Sending you all my love and prayers for comfort.

Holly Cool

Holly Cool - September 02, 2025 at 11:29 AM

JM

“ Jayne, I am so very sorry about Dr Meyer. I worked with him some in O R, and would see him once in a while at the airport. He was a good surgeon, and helped many patients. My deepest sympathy to you and your family, and prayers for comfort, now and for the many days ahead. Joan E Mickelsen

Joan Mickelsen - September 01, 2025 at 11:41 PM

KH

“ I sang in the Christmas Cantata with Dr. Meyer, I also worked at the hospital in O’Neill with him. I called his quick wit “ a Dr Meyer, Meyerism”. He made me smile and truly appreciated him.

Krystal Hamik - September 01, 2025 at 05:35 PM

LM

“ Mark and I grew up on neighboring farms in Dodge Co. We, along with another neighboring boy Miles Havekost, attended eight years of grade school at #18 one room country school and shared many fun and exciting times. All 3 of us, along with another close friend Glen Suhr, were all confirmed together at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in rural Hooper. After grade school we went to separate high schools, Mark to Uehling, Miles to Hooper, and Glen and I to Scribner. Although going our separate ways we have remained close friends. I think Miles and Glen will agree with me when we say we knew tht whatever Mark decided to do with his life, he would be very successful, very skillful, and very well liked. He will be missed. Jayne and family, my wife Jana and I send our sincere sympathies to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayer. Larry Muller

Larry Muller - September 01, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Mark Meyer



Enrique Villamil - September 01, 2025 at 03:13 PM

FN

“ From your Perch Bay Addition neighbors purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



From your Perch Bay Addition neighbors - September 01, 2025 at 02:21 PM



“ To the Meyer family, my deepest condolences to all of you. I remember your family well growing up with the “St. Paul’s” family. Mark will always remain close in your hearts with fond memories. Prayers for all. Janice Poppe Smeal

Janice Smeal - September 01, 2025 at 01:51 PM

GL

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire family. I went to high school with Mark & his brothers. Lots of memories of the UHS days. May God be with you all & give you comfort & peace. Glenda (Hasebroock) Long.

Glenda Long - September 01, 2025 at 01:31 PM

LB

“ Dr Mark was a coworker at the Kansas City Royals. I enjoyed talking to him. He is deeply missed! I am terribly sorry for your loss Meyer family.

Lara Bee - September 01, 2025 at 12:58 PM

EW

“ *Mark could definitely light up a room with his humor! He had a love for life and always smiling! Thinking of you Jayne and your family.*
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Ed and Cheryl Walker - September 01, 2025 at 09:29 AM

CA

“ *Dr Myer replaced both my hips ..2002 and 2004..at 79 I am doing well..forever grateful for his skills..sympathy to all his family..RIP Dr Myer.*

Cathy - September 01, 2025 at 07:29 AM

PA

“ *I had the pleasure of being an employee for Dr. Meyer. We saw each other through many trials and neither of us forgot to thank our God Almighty for those trials. I have no idea how you passed but I do know that you don't go it alone. I am so very grateful to have had the pleasure of having some of that journey with you and Jayne and will be forever grateful for it. God Be With You.*

Phyllis (Knajdl) Andrijeski - August 31, 2025 at 09:35 PM

AN

“ *Dr. Meyer saved my life in 2019 when I was in septic shock and he removed a septic abscess n my foot, causing the crisis. Without the quick action of Dr. Meyer and his surgical skill, I would have been gone in hours. What a terrible loss to his family and Kearney community.*

Anne Nau - August 31, 2025 at 08:51 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark H. Meyer, MD.



August 31, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ Jayne: My sympathy to you and your family. Such a tragic loss and a shock to your heart. Thinking of you as you grieve and cherish memories of Mark. Lorrie Aubert Bryant

Lorrie Bryant - August 31, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“ Dr. Meyer brought in sacks of huge, perfect onions from his fields, to our Nurses' Lounge, to share with the peri-operative crew @ Good Sam Hosp! He would take on the most complicated orthopaedic trauma patients, and follow through post-op until they were functional and enjoying life again. It was a joy to watch him fly over Highway 40 @ Riverdale, as he returned from rural clinics mid-week. One of Buffalo County's greatest. It was an honor to work with him, even when he didn't start his surgery cases on time! My sympathy to his family on this tragic loss.



Kathy Campbell RN - August 31, 2025 at 07:23 PM

FM

“ I've only known Mark a short time while he worked for the KC Royals as an usher. We had good conversations while working together. I got to learn a little about him and his family. It had been a blessing to know him and to have met his wife at the stadium. Sending condolences, Felix and Kim

Felix Mora - August 31, 2025 at 12:29 AM

TR

So sorry for the loss of your loved one.
May he rest in peace
Sending prayers!
Tom & Kathy Roy

Tom & Kathy Roy - September 01, 2025 at 09:46 AM

DR

“ Sending our sympathy and prayers.
Dennis and Roxanne Ryan
O'Neill NE

Dennis and Roxanne Ryan - August 30, 2025 at 09:36 PM

LG

“ Jayne,
So sorry to hear about Mark. Hugs & prayers. Stay strong & may the memories you two created together bring a smile to you in the days ahead. Linda & Ron Griswold

Linda Griswold - August 30, 2025 at 01:16 PM

DB

“ Mark and I share grandchildren, as my daughter-in-law Julie is his daughter. He was so attentive to all of them. In fact just says before his death he and Jayne flew to Seattle to see Julie's youngest, Tavie, in a play. They all loved him dearly. He certainly was colorful and never to be forgotten. Dee Brestin

Dee Brestin - August 30, 2025 at 11:22 AM

AH

“ Oh, Jayne! I'm so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He was such a great man. One of my favorite memories of both you and Mark was going out on the boat at Plum Creek and looking at the stars. There might have been a little alcohol involved for the grown-ups! Moments of awe and wonder of the night sky were punctuated with raucous laughter and joy. Although you were my mom and dad's friends, you both always made me feel like I was your friend too. He will be missed. Love to you all.
Amy Boldt Haaland

Amy Haaland - August 30, 2025 at 11:12 AM

JP

“ Jane,
I just wanted you to know that I am thinking about you and I am sending you lots of love and prayers. Jill Howerter Petsche

Jill Howerter Petsche - August 30, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ I worked with Mark in surgery for decades at the Lex and Kearney hospitals. Mark is a fine ortho surgeon with a colorful personality. One of my most favorite memories of Mark is when he'd burst into song during a case. Mark had a beautiful voice and sang in the church choir. Mark was one of my favorites and always will be. God grant you peace Jayne. My heart and prayers are with you and the family. Peggy Tolstedt

Peggy Tolstedt - August 29, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ HE TOKE ÇARE OF ME WHÈN I FELL IÑTO MY BASEMENT ÍAND CHEERED ME UP AS BEST HE COULD and laughed when I told him I had to be in Lincoln in morning; great man and will truly miss him as many many will.

JIM CUDABACK - August 29, 2025 at 08:57 PM



Mark, Larry M., and I were classmates for all 8 grades at District 18 country school. Glen S. joined us at St. Paul's country church for services every Sunday, Vacation Bible School, and faith confirmation classes. We learned, worshipped, worked, and played together. We knew each other quite well! Mark was intelligent, adventuresome, and a great friend. Jayne, may the Lord comfort you and the family as only He can during this time of loss.

Miles Havekost - September 01, 2025 at 06:13 PM



Jane and Family. So sorry for your loss. Mark was a great guy. I always enjoyed his company. Look forward to seeing him every Monday at Cosmos!

Doug Bierman - September 02, 2025 at 10:29 AM