



## Matthew "Matt" S. Kampfe

January 19, 1955 - March 2, 2024

Matthew "Matt" S. Kampfe, age 69, of Kearney, passed away Saturday, March 2, 2024 at his home after a five year battle with Multiple Myeloma. Funeral services will be on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Pastor Matt Fowler will officiate and burial will be later. Visitation will be on Sunday, March 10, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services and also 1 hour prior to services on Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, Peterson Senior Center or the Nebraska Game and Parks Youth Fishing Program. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://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.

Matt was born on January 19, 1955 in Gothenburg, NE to Walter and Rose Marie (Hiles) Kampfe. He attended Gothenburg High School and graduated with the class of 1973. He then attended and graduated from Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, TX and Physical Therapy School in Dallas, TX. Matt worked as a Physical Therapist for 40 years touching many lives and making so many long-lasting friendships.

Matt was united in marriage to Mary Yant on March 27, 1982 in Minden, NE. Together they were blessed with two sons, Andrew and Karson, grandchildren, Liliana and Logan who were the apple of his eye.

Matt enjoyed everything outdoors; fishing, ice fishing, hunting, golfing, motorcycling, skiing, traveling, gardening and yard work. He was also an avid Husker fan and enjoyed following all sports. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Chamber of Commerce Colonels, APTA, NPTA and an Assistant Scout Master with Boy Scout Troop #139 in Kearney. Matt was also a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #984 in Kearney and served in various offices throughout the years including as a Past Exalted Ruler. He was instrumental locally in starting the Elks Soccer Shoot and also the Elks Jr. Golf Program.

Matt is survived by his wife, Mary Kampfe of Kearney; sons, Andrew and Jessica Kampfe

of Omaha and Karson Kampfe of Omaha; grandchildren, Liliana and Logan Kampfe; brother, Jamie and Colomba Kampfe of Blairstown, NJ; sisters, Lynda Stratton of Grants Pass, OR and Katholeen Kampfe of Tampa, FL; brothers in law and sisters in law, Ray Yant, Jack and Sue Yant, Lora Juraneck, Kathy Senior, Carolyn and Sam Magruder and Mary Yant; many nieces, nephews and other extended family and friends.

Matt was preceded in death by his parents; parents in law, Virgil and Clara Yant; brothers in law and sisters in law, Don Stratton, Jim Yant, Mike Senior, Karen Yant, Dean Juraneck; nephew, James Yant, Jr.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ So sorry for your loss, Mary. I was saddened to hear of Matt's death. May you find special comfort in the arms of Christ this resurrection weekend.

*Mary Lou Anderson Block Class of '73*

Mary Lou Anderson Block - March 30, 2024 at 11:27 AM

AK

“ Dear Mary, I am so very sorry to know that you lost Matt. When I saw you at the younes center you had shared that he had health issues but I did realize that he was that ill. I hate cancer! Please know that you have my very deepest sympathy..lipo.....Anita Kitt

anita kitt - March 15, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ Gonna miss you Matt. Peterman

Mark Peterson - March 09, 2024 at 10:24 PM

BK

“ My deepest sympathy



Bobette Kersenbrock - March 09, 2024 at 11:10 AM

LS

“ Love Jeff, Julie, Grace and Brady Senior purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Matthew "Matt" S. Kampfe.



Love Jeff, Julie, Grace and Brady Senior - March 08, 2024 at 01:03 PM

LS

“ Love Jeff, Julie, Grace and Brady Senior planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" S. Kampfe.

Love Jeff, Julie, Grace and Brady Senior - March 08, 2024 at 01:03 PM

SV

“ I'm very sorry to hear of your loss of Matt. He truly was a wonderful man and friend. Never saw him without a smile. Excellent PT for me after my accident. Prayers go out to Mary and family❤️

Sharon Vlcek - March 08, 2024 at 11:17 AM

SV

“ Sharon Vlcek lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt" Kampfe



Sharon Vlcek - March 08, 2024 at 10:41 AM

CF

“ Cynthia Stickelman & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Matthew "Matt" S. Kampfe.

Cynthia Stickelman & Family - March 07, 2024 at 04:21 PM

CF

“ Cynthia Stickelman & Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Matthew "Matt" S. Kampfe.



Cynthia Stickelman & Family - March 07, 2024 at 04:21 PM

MK

“ Margaret Klimek lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt" Kampfe



Margaret Klimek - March 07, 2024 at 04:14 PM

ED

“ So sorry for you and the family in your loss of Matt. May God be with you at this time.

Elaine Damrwo - March 07, 2024 at 03:52 PM

LW

“ We extend sympathy to you Mary and family!  
I will not forget all the times Matt tried to get me together  
again! He was a great therapist to many.



Lee Ward - March 07, 2024 at 12:25 PM

DF

“ Darleen Farwell lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt"  
Kampfe



Darleen Farwell - March 06, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ Lorna Livingston lit a candle in memory of Matthew "Matt"  
Kampfe



Lorna Livingston - March 06, 2024 at 12:40 PM

DA

“ So very sorry for your loss. Lifting you in love and prayers.

Dani - March 05, 2024 at 11:08 PM

TO

“ Matt provided excellent PT for me. He also provided fishing coaching, but that  
was a lost cause for me. May his memory be eternal.

Tim O'Dea - March 05, 2024 at 08:42 PM

KR

“ My Sympathy to Matt's family. He was a fine businessman and a superb provider.  
He helped SO many patients.

Kathy Campbell RN - March 05, 2024 at 03:27 PM

SF

*Mary. We are so, so very sorry for your loss. Praying for comfort, peace, love and strength at this very sorrowful time.*

**sherone fielder** - March 07, 2024 at 03:46 PM

JJ

*Matt was a driven, compassionate Physical Therapist! He was determined to help people get well and stay that way. He was also a great storyteller and kept people enthused about fishing, gardening, canoeing, and just the great outdoors. He enjoyed his opportunity to travel with Mary and would come tell us all about it. He will be missed - Alpha Rehabilitation Staff and Friends -*

**Jessica, Audrey, Cindy, Jake** - March 10, 2024 at 10:56 AM

JW

*Matt was a great friend and always made sure we had cherries, grapes, green beans, "miracle beans" for our garden. He was generous with us both with gardening and friendship. He was so excited to share! He would brag about Mary's cooking, bring us her recipes and tell us about their travels and his kids and grandkids. He was so proud of you all. Remember the good times - he'd want that. Jeff and Audrey Walmsley*

**Jeff and Audrey Walmsley** - March 10, 2024 at 11:02 AM

LC

*I am so sorry to learn of Matt's passing. He was a friend in high school, played in my dad's little league baseball team, the Cardinals and always visited with me whenever I saw him. The last time I saw him was when he was in town for his mom's funeral. I had no idea he was so sick. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏. Lori Ostergard Clymer*

**Lori Clymer** - March 12, 2024 at 10:10 PM

LF

*Wonderful physical therapist! He got me through knee replacement, he was so kind, and I loved his stories and sense of humor. He told about his family and loved his grandkids. He will be missed.*

**LaVonne Fries** - March 13, 2024 at 10:42 AM