



Michael "Mike" R. Bedke

September 22, 1951 - May 2, 2025

Michael "Mike" R. Bedke, 73, of Kearney, died May 2, 2025 at the Good Samaritan Society - St. Luke's in Kearney. Funeral Services will be 10:30 am, May 8, 2025 at the Pleasanton E-Free Church with Pat Moore officiating. Burial will follow the service at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Pleasanton. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00pm, May 7, 2025 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Pleasanton E-Free Church.

Mike was born on September 22, 1951, in Kearney to Robert and Margaret (Kirschner) Bedke. He graduated from Pleasanton High School in 1970 and then attended Central Nebraska Technical College in Hastings to pursue a degree in Diesel Mechanics.

Mike married Karen Cafferty on January 24, 1976, in Pleasanton. They lived between Pleasanton and Ravenna where he farmed and they raised two children. Mike tried to instill a good work ethic and dedication to family. He and Karen would have been married for 50 years next January.

Mike enjoyed spending time with their grandchildren. Also, he liked to go camping, boating, fishing, and playing cards with friends.

Mike is survived by his wife, Karen Bedke of Kearney; son, Doug and Keri

Bedke of Ravenna; daughter Carmela and Jon Hjetland of Ravenna; grandchildren, Kailee Bedke, Kaiden Bedke, Payton Bedke, Briley Schmidt, and Ariaht Schmidt; brothers, Roger Bedke of Kearney, Dennis and Deb Bedke of Kearney, Keith and Regina Bedke of Pleasanton.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Don "Champ" Bedke, a niece, and nephew.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Pleasanton, NE 68866

Previous Events

Visitation

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

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

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Pleasanton E-Free Church
806 N. Hackberry
Pleasanton, NE 68866

Tribute Wall

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“ Ray, Sharon Oletski and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.



Ray, Sharon Oletski and family - May 07, 2025 at 09:25 AM

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“ I always thought Mike was a solid stand up guy, kind to everyone he met. Farming was his passion. Karen and family my heart and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time. Lean on each other, lean on your friends. And if you ever want to talk, cry or just need someone to listen - you have my number.

Patricia J Pennington - May 05, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.



May 05, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.

May 05, 2025 at 09:24 AM

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“ Monte & Julie Flynn, Mark & Teri Otte purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.



Monte & Julie Flynn, Mark & Teri Otte - May 04, 2025 at 10:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.



May 04, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.

May 04, 2025 at 09:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.



May 04, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.*



May 04, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.

May 04, 2025 at 10:33 AM



“ *My sympathy to the Bedke family*

Mary (Schulte) Johnson - May 04, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.*



May 03, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael "Mike" R. Bedke.*



May 03, 2025 at 01:35 PM



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