



## Monty L. Splitter

December 20, 1944 - December 29, 2023

Monty L. Splitter, 79, of Kearney, went to his eternal home on Friday, December 29, 2023, surrounded by family at CHI Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. Pastor Tim Barone will officiate and private family burial will be at a later date. Family will greet friends one hour prior to services at the church on Monday. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department. 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 of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Monty was born on December 20, 1944, in Julesburg, CO to Delmont and Lois (Johnson) Splitter. He grew up in Big Springs, NE until graduating from Big Springs High School in May 1963. After graduation, Monty enrolled at Kearney State College and worked part time for Kearney Plumbing and Heating, kickstarting a 45-year career in the plumbing and building inspection field. His invaluable knowledge was recognized and appreciated, retiring in 2010 as the Master Plumber and Building Inspector for the City of Kearney. Monty also proudly served the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department from 1978 – 1993 where he became an EMT, Rescue and Recovery Diver, and a Captain. Monty was a jack of all trades and continued to provide service to the community and surrounding area with his skills doing plumbing and building

inspections, teaching classes, and was a proud member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. In March of 1997 Monty met Brenda Sue Pierce and July 18th, 1998, they were united in marriage. Monty had many fond memories of his youth he would share from time to time. From age 6-13 he and his sister Janet, ages 4-11, would ride the Greyhound bus from Big Springs to Burns Junction, WY. Their Aunt Ople would meet them at the bus station to go to the ranch in Carpenter, Wyoming where they would spend their summers with her and Robert Rochilitz. Monty never met a stranger and could strike up a conversation easily with his humor and wit. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking, scuba diving, trapshooting, and home brewing beer and wine. Monty will be remembered for all the heart he shared with his friends and family. He truly loved each of them – and if you knew him, you knew it. When his time came, he carried himself with dignity, strength, and full of love for those who went before him and those he left behind. He will be missed dearly.

Monty was preceded in death by his Grandpa Joe Johnson, sister Janet Splitter, mother Lois Splitter, father Delmont Splitter, Minnie Splitter, and grandson Joshua Pierce.

He is survived by his loving wife, Brenda Sue Splitter; siblings, Sue Campton (Chuck) of Canon City, CO, and Diana Kellermeyer, of Sahuarita, AZ. Donald Kuskie (Susan) of Littleton, CO, Susan Klemme (Bruce) of Greeley, CO, Ann Stanley of Glasgow, MT. Son, Mike Splitter of Beatrice, NE. Brian Pierce (Debi) of Omaha, NE. Laura Dragoo (Ruben) of Shawnee, KS. Grandson, Bradly Pierce (Sarah) of Omaha, NE. Granddaughters, Casee Viger (Casey) of Wilber NE. Carlie Dragoo of Hallam, NE and Danielle Dragoo (Josiah) of Clatonia, NE. Great Grandchildren, Mason, Blair, and Callan Pierce of Omaha, NE. Many cousins, nieces, and nephews as well as extended family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN **15**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (LCMS); Kearney Nebraska  
3315 11th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845  
(308) 237-2944

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Jayson K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monty L. Splitter.

Jayson K. - January 15, 2024 at 10:39 PM

CW

“ Connie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Monty Splitter



Connie Wilson - January 15, 2024 at 11:29 AM

JR

“ My heart goes out to all of Montys family, he was a kind and sincere man and will not be forgotten.  
Childhood memories come flooding back...Monty was our oldest boy cousin on Mom's side and we always looked forward to and cherished time spent with him!  
Rest in Peace ,Monty.  
Sincerely Julie Rochlitz Reid

Julie Rochlitz Reid - January 10, 2024 at 03:39 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Monty L. Splitter.



January 09, 2024 at 05:19 PM

KL

“ *Kathy Larson lit a candle in memory of Monty Splitter*



Kathy Larson - January 04, 2024 at 10:50 AM

RG

“ *Monty was a special person who always had a funny joke to tell. He will always hold a special place in my heart. 🥹🙏*



Renee Griffeth - January 04, 2024 at 10:41 AM

DF

“ *Monty was a special cousin and friend. We loved to reminisce about his visits to Auntie Ople's and Uncle Robert's Ranch in Wyoming and fishing with us in South Dakota. He was very talented, making wooden crafts and always "inventing" something cool. I've kept the wooden gifts that I received for birthdays or Christmas from him. They have always held special memories. Although the years and distances kept visits more difficult, we did manage a reunion or Facebook chat often. You were a treasured cousin Monty and you are missed very much. Dawn*

Dawn Farrell - January 03, 2024 at 11:41 AM

VW

*Roger and I always enjoyed Monty. They worked together so much. So sorry to hear this news. He will be missed.*

Vicki Wisch - January 04, 2024 at 04:14 PM

DF

“ Dawn Farrell lit a candle in memory of Monty Splitter



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**Dawn Farrell** - January 03, 2024 at 11:20 AM

DS

“ Diana S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monty L. Splitter.

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**Diana S.** - January 03, 2024 at 10:16 AM

PP

“ Monte was a good guy, always friendly and helpful. Prayers for his family.

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**Patricia Pennington** - January 03, 2024 at 09:42 AM