



## Pat A. Avey

September 13, 1939 - May 23, 2019

Pat Allen Avey, 79, of Kearney, NE went to meet the Savior on Thursday, May 23, 2019 in Imperial. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM, Friday, May 31, 2019 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3315 11th Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845, with Pastor Duane Duley officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Park Cemetery near Ravenna. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thursday, May 30, 2019 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FCA Football Coaches Ministry and online condolences may be made at [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com). Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Pat was born in Dunning, NE on September 13, 1939 to Ralph and Martha (Sanders) Avey. He attended grade and junior high school in Ansley and Alliance, NE. Pat graduated from Ravenna High School in 1957. He served his country in the Army for 3 years and then graduated from Kearney State College in 1965, where he graduated with an Education Degree. He taught high school PE and health, coached many sports at the high school, college, and semi-pro levels, taught drivers' education, and had a positive impact on many students and adults in Pleasanton, Gibbon, Superior, and Kearney, NE, and Burlington, KS, totaling approximately 40 years. He married his wife, DeEnna (Dusek), on March 13, 1959.

Pat is survived by his wife DeEnna, 4 children: Peg Avey of Brewster, NY, Kim Marshall of Imperial, NE, Bryant Avey of Burnsville, Minnesota, and Lyn Hoffman of Kearney, NE and 5 grandchildren: Alex Marshall, Patrick Avey, l'Mari Avey, Christian Avey, and Jeremiah Hoffman. He is also survived by 3 brothers: Loren Avey of Grand Island, NE, Cliff Avey of Kearney, NE, Ron Avey of Mandan, ND and 1 sister: Jean Newby of Cameron, MO, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Pat was a faithful husband and loving father and grandfather. His love, leadership, and friendship will be greatly missed.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Mick.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Park Cemetery

NW 370th and Lakota  
Ravenna, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran  
3315 11th Avenue  
Kearney, NE

## Memorial Service

MAY **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran  
3315 11th Avenue  
Kearney, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pat A. Avey*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Was blessed to start my coaching and teaching at Superior and Coach Avey was a great mentor. Had a huge impact on me and started me off on a journey I am still on today. Thanks Pat.*

**Lou Varley** - May 30, 2019 at 09:04 PM



*An awesome man!!*

**Roger Young** - June 12, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ *I never was privileged to have a real brother-but if I could choose one, it would be you Pat.  
God be with you always and thanks for being a great hubby to my sis and a super dad to you kids and such an inspiration to all of the teams you coached.  
Denny Dusek*

**denny dusek** - May 30, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *Sandy Fox Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Pat A. Avey*



**Sandy Fox Hubbard** - May 29, 2019 at 11:14 PM

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*“ I had the privilege to attend college with Pat. He had been in the service and came back to Kearney state college to get an education degree. He was very honest and loved his creator. He was a great example to young men he coached. I was on a full bottle of satiating crew that worked many games for his teams in Nebraska. We would be in his locker room before the game and it would be leading the players with a prayer. He did the very same thing after the game.he was a born leader and believer. He was a lot of things to a lot of people. He will be thoroughly missed. We are praying for his family and know they have many memories that will carry them forward.*

Bill Holliday - May 29, 2019 at 10:20 PM

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*“ Had the privilege of attending high school and athletics with Pat. What a great friend, and positive example in all of our lives. Gary Abraham*

Gary Abraham - May 29, 2019 at 01:22 PM



*“ I will aiways remember Pat playing basket ball at Ravenna High. He was super good and put our team in rhe win many a times. Pat , as well as DeEnna was in my class and we had many a good times at Ravenna High. God bless you both and DeEnna, take care. Harlan*

Harlan Hughes - May 29, 2019 at 12:11 PM



*“ Great example,and leader of the pack. No matter whether family, friends, or team. You will be missed. Loving menories.*

Adarene Miigerl - May 29, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Pat A. Avey.*



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May 29, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ *Coach Avey’s weight lifting program helped lead me to many successful wrestling matches and his real dodge ball games in gym class were always a highlight of any school day! Pat had fun stories to keep things interesting in drivers ed and gave excellent advice in health class as well. I always enjoyed seeing him break up fights during buffalo ball and deal with the kids involved. I still cherish these great memories.*

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**Thomas Yokum** - May 29, 2019 at 07:23 AM



“ *Coach Avey made a big impact on my life. He made me believe I could do anything if I set my mind to a task and to never give up. You’ll be missed by so many people. Thanks for all the great memories. Kent Frerichs*

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**Kent Frerichs** - May 28, 2019 at 08:06 PM