



## Paul Londer

January 10, 1944 - December 25, 2023

Paul Londer loved to talk. So much so that he made it his profession. If you met him, you got to know him quickly, because he'd keep asking you questions until he found a connection. He was good at that; connecting with people.

He packed a lot of life into his 79 years. Born January 10, 1944 in Wood Lake, Nebraska, to Fred and Ortha Londer, he and his brother Rex got into the mischief that only kids from that time and that place could. They grew up poor, so fun meant seeing if they could band together to get into some trouble or collecting bottles to turn in for movie money over in Valentine, which they'd have to hitchhike to get to, as elementary school kids. They might also jump into a train car and take a ride into the next town for some fun. In high school he played basketball and football and worked. He's worked since he was 11, first throwing hale bales onto trucks in the fields. The only thing our dad might have loved more than talking was working.

He moved to Kearney after high school and met our mom Winona "Jody" Londer and they were married on March 14, 1965. They scrapped and saved until they finally had enough money to open Londer's Auction in 1969. They built that business over the years, along with a furniture store. And a mini mart. And a real estate agency. And a rental business. And an ice delivery business. And probably some other businesses that we don't know about or

have since forgotten. Like we said, our dad loved working.

He wasn't all work and talk though. He loved getting out his old Model A or the stupid giant yellow Lincoln that he loved (and his son hated) and driving them around for Cruise Night or just because he hadn't done so in a while. He loved going to the casino and playing the slots. He loved having coffee with his brother, but that was mostly just talking again. And he loved his kids and his grandkids and spent time with them when he could. He's survived by those kids, Vicki Londer and Bret (and wife Mandy) Londer, and those grandkids, Teddy and Emmy, and his nieces Sherri and Lynda. They'll all miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his wife Jody, his brother Rex, and his parents Fred and Ortha.

If you would like to pay your respects, there will be a visitation at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl in Kearney on Thursday, December 28 from 5-7 p.m. and also 1 hour prior to services on Friday at the church. The funeral will be held at Faith United Methodist Church on Friday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jeff Wulf will officiate, and burial will be at the Kearney Cemetery. The family will host a luncheon after the services at the cemetery are concluded at Legacy on the Bricks, 16 West 21st Street in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to the family, to be designated later. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl are in charge of arrangements. Please come and share stories. He'd love that.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC 29. 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith United Methodist Church  
1623 Central Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Bret,  
I am so sorry to hear about your dad passing. I wanted to send you and your family love and well wishes. Thinking about you and your family.*

*Stacy Miles (Bowers)*

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**Stacy Miles** - December 30, 2023 at 11:48 PM

MA

“ *Paul was one of my favorite customers to help at the bank. He always asked how the family was and gave me chocolates at Christmas. My deepest sympathies to all the Londer family.*

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**Mandy** - December 29, 2023 at 12:06 PM

CC

“ *Vicki and Brett, Hugs to the both of you, I have so many memories of your dad, between your dad, your mom and my mom (Jackie) , those 3 were like a sitcom on tv. They were always having fun or something happened, or something broke and Paul would try and fix it. Or the time the bull snake was out mom's back door and Paul came out had to kill it. So he beat it with a stick. or thats' what mom always said. The toss of the coin on heads or tails. Auction night, and so many more. Sweet memories we will all have.*

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**Cindy Weaver Cederburg** - December 29, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Paul Londer.*



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December 28, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ *Sorry I can't be there as I am in Hutchinson Kansas Paul was a good friend I got to know through his wife Jody who was in my high school class of 1964 Paul was always friendly and easy to get along with and would offer inputs when wanted on our class reunions that his wife Jody and myself the Wolfordd and others worked on. He will be missed by family and friends*

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**Ron Payne** - December 28, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Paul will be greatly missed! He was a kind and friendly man. When you needed something done he would make sure it was done. I remember locking myself out of the house and calling everyone but the one other person that would have a key to the house and he was here in less than 15 minutes.  
Wendy and Lauryn T.*

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**Wendy** - December 28, 2023 at 09:45 AM

LC

“ Paul wasn't just our Landlord when lived out by the Auction House or my Boss at the Mini Mart, he was a Father Figure. He gave Chris and I some of the best advice when we were first married and had Emily. How, he showed up at our house within seconds of my panicked call with a Hack Saw and Jody with a Chain Saw when Em got stuck between the slats of her Bunk Bed. How, he would give me Shit for calling my Father-In-Law Alan or Chris to come bag Ice for me, because I hated doing it, we just talked about it the last time I saw him at Alan's funeral in September. RIP you will be missed dearly.



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**Lisa Cohen** - December 28, 2023 at 05:32 AM

LI

“ Paul and Jody were always so friendly. Met them when I married and moved from GI to a farm north of Axtell. We went to LOTS of auctions and ya know what? Paul, amongst other auctioneers across Nebraska and Kansas, inspired and influenced our young 3 year old to become an auctioneer!! Today our son is 24 and is an auctioneer at Alma Livestock!!! Thank you for being a great role model and great person all around! Rest is peace. God bless.

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**Lisa** - December 28, 2023 at 12:12 AM

TP

“ Oh, we've got the stories, the laughter and the wonderful memories. We'll cherish those. Paul and Jody both made everything fun. Thanks for everything. Such generous, kind people.



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**Tamy Peterson** - December 27, 2023 at 09:52 PM

CW

“ Gary & Connie Welty



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**Connie Welty** - December 27, 2023 at 09:42 PM

SV

“ Scott V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Londer.

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**Scott V.** - December 27, 2023 at 09:08 PM

CP

“ My wife and I have nothing but good memories of our time visiting with Paul and Jody. They were both extraordinary people.

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**Clark Plihal** - December 27, 2023 at 08:56 PM

JB

“ I would often attend his auctions & he would always stick me with a box of junk...that I wasn't even bidding on! Onery & fun we're he & Jody. Condolences to his loving family.

Jäna Burkey - December 27, 2023 at 05:30 PM

JW

“ I got to know Paul and Jody when I was working part time at a gas station in Kearney. Over those 12 years they became “regulars”, and our conversations never really ended. They just picked up where we left off the day before. Rest in peace, Paul.

J Wagner - December 27, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Paul Londer.



December 27, 2023 at 03:13 PM

LM

“ Love Teddy, Emmy & Mandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Londer.

Love Teddy, Emmy & Mandy - December 27, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul Londer.*



December 27, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Your co-workers at Westside High School planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Paul Londer.*

**Your co-workers at Westside High School** - December 27, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Paul was a great guy to good friend. Sympathy to the family. He will be missed*

**Twila Danielson** - December 27, 2023 at 01:08 AM



“ *I have known and worked for Londers for about 45 years. They were great friends and will be missed 🙏*

**B Kent Olson** - December 26, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ *I remember he gave me a great deal at the auction house he always talked to me when he seen me to*



**Ken** - December 26, 2023 at 07:55 PM

DC

*Known Paul along time he was always friendly and always knew who you were . He was humble and kind and you wanted him to be your friend which he always was. So sad I won't be able to see him again. Wonderful person kids!*

**Diana Clausen** - December 27, 2023 at 05:16 PM

JM

*new paul for 30 years gonna be missed sorry for your loss he was a nice man god bless*

**James m Mcgraw** - December 28, 2023 at 03:30 PM

JB

*Vicki & Bret I am sorry to hear about Paul. I am related to Paul. His dad Fred and my grandmother Annie Elizbeth Londer Sanford were brother and sister. I always enjoyed visiting Paul ,Jodi and Rex and family. We would always visit about family. I went to Johnstown cemetery and showed Paul where his grandmother Homan was buried. I met his cousin Marg and we have become friends. We had a good visit that day. I haven't been able to travel lately. And I know I will miss seeing Paul when I do get to Kearney. Over the years I am sorry to say that I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you both. Your Mom and dad always talked about you. they were so proud of you. I won't be able to make the funeral which upsets me. I always enjoyed my visits . Paul always had a laugh. I am Linda Brixius from Alliance. My prayers are with you.*

**Jack & Linda Brixius** - December 29, 2023 at 12:05 AM