



## Richard "Dick" L. Bugay

May 25, 1934 - May 15, 2023

Richard "Dick" L. Bugay, 88, of Kearney, died Monday, May 15, 2023 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 19, 2023 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Fr. Joe Hannappel will celebrate and burial will follow the service at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023 followed by a wake service at 6:00 p.m. all at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Kearney Catholic High School Foundation or the Peterson Senior Center Activities Fund. 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 charge of arrangements. Funeral Services will be Live Streamed on You Tube at the St. James Kearney page.

Dick was born on May 25, 1934 in Nance County, Nebraska to Loney L. and Viola A. (Drozd) Bugay. He attended country school through the eighth grade. He later attended school in Fullerton, NE and graduated from Fullerton High School with the class of 1952. Dick then moved to Grand Island to attend the Grand Island Business School, graduating with a degree in Business Administration in 1954. It was in business school that he met the love of his life, Althea M. Bartlett. They were married on June 18, 1955 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island. The couple moved to Kearney in January of 1956 and have resided there since. Dick worked first as a manager for Central

Nebraska Co-op at the fertilizer plant in Buda and later as a Crop Management Specialist for Farmland Industries for Farmers Cooperative Association of Ravenna, NE, retiring in 1997. He was an active member of St. James Catholic Church for 64 years, Kearney Catholic School Board, the St. James Parish Council and also the church Building and Grounds Commission, Fraternal Order of the Eagles and a past member of the Kearney Elks Lodge. He was also a 59 year member in the Knights of Columbus and had achieved the level of Faithful Navigator of the fourth degree. He served as Grand Knight for the Council of 1728 in Kearney, District Deputy of the Nebraska state level and also as a state youth director. Dick enjoyed dancing, softball, fishing, gardening, camping, bowling, golfing, listening to Polka music and playing the button accordion. He especially enjoyed attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting events. He was a volunteer for a number of years at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital and also enjoyed entertaining residents with his accordion at Prairie View Gardens, Wel Life, Country House, the Central Nebraska Veteran's Home and for family and friends.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Althea of Kearney; children, Douglas (Kathi Healey) Bugay of Omaha, Steven (Janet) Bugay, Yvonne (Chris) Overman, Timothy (Laura) Bugay and Julie (Ken) Cepel all of Kearney, Scott and daughter Sasha Bugay of Draper, UT; grandchildren, Darcie, Tyler, Danielle, Shannon, Amy, Brian, Christina, Brandon, Nicole and Sasha; great grandchildren, Caleese, Kinsley, Quinn, Kannon, Mason, Corbin, Beckett, Alex, Aubrey, Kaden, Parker, Madison and Nora; several nieces, nephews other extended family and friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; sister and brother in law, Marjorie and Frank Knopik; brother and sister in law, Ronald and Jolene Bugay; parents in law, Ora "Buddy" and Bertha Bartlett; brother in law, Clifford Bartlett

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 18.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Christian Wake Service

**MAY 18.** 6:00 PM (CT)

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2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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MAY 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Althea & family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Dick. What a lot of great memories from family weddings and polka dances. Hearing Dick, Ronnie and my dad (Gerry) telling stories and laughing so hard. I guarantee they're all playing a polka once again side by side. Prayers to you and your family. -Mike Czarnick*

Michael Czarnick - May 19, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" L. Bugay.*



May 18, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *[Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" L. Bugay.*

May 18, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" L. Bugay.*



May 17, 2023 at 01:22 PM

TO

“ I will miss our Peterson lunch conversations, our exchanging sign of peace at mass, and Dicks personalized limericks. A genuine man. May his memory be eternal.

Tim O'Dea - May 17, 2023 at 08:00 AM

LF

“ Love to you all, The Lantis Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Richard "Dick" L. Bugay.



Love to you all, The Lantis Family - May 17, 2023 at 02:23 AM

LL

“ Lots of Love, Cammy Lantis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Dick" L. Bugay.



Lots of Love, Cammy Lantis - May 17, 2023 at 02:18 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" L. Bugay.



May 16, 2023 at 11:18 PM

DB

“ Uncle Dick was an amazing man!! I have so many memories growing up of him and my dad, Ron Bugay. There was usually a couple accordions and a jam session to be had when they got together. Always had a smile on his face and a kind word for me each time I saw him. My condolences to Althea, Doug, Vonnie, Steve, Tim, Julie, Scott and all the grandkids and great grandkids. The world lost a great man and Heaven has a new Angle. RIP Uncle Dick.

*Dan and Danielle Bugay*

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Dan and Danielle Bugay - May 16, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" L. Bugay.

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May 16, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" L. Bugay.



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May 16, 2023 at 03:46 PM