



Richard F. Kauders

January 6, 1947 - November 17, 2021

Richard Frederick Kauders, 74, of Kearney, died Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at CHI Health – Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial services are scheduled for Sunday November 21, 3pm Central Time at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Kearney with live streaming at the church’s YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnFQzviPt3NQusFTaeQ84Aw> Mother Stephanie Swinnea will officiate and the inurnment will be at the St. Luke’s Church Columbarium. There will be no visitation. Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church (donations may be made at www.stlukes-kearney.com/home). Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Richard was born on January 6, 1947 in Salem, Massachusetts to Frederick and Anita Hayekova Kauders. He was raised in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts; at-tended Shore Country Day School, Beverly, Massachusetts; prep school at St. Paul’s School, Concord, New Hampshire; Cornell University, Ithaca, New York where he received his bachelor’s degree in 1969; and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois where he received his MBA in 1972. He then moved to Omaha Nebraska to join Union Pacific Railroad where he worked for 29 years, primarily in the finance area.

Richard met Audrey (Snorsky) Gryder when both joined the Omaha Ballet

Board in 1980, and they were married on November 7, 1981 in Omaha, Nebraska. When Richard was in isolation at the hospital, he and Audrey marked their 40th wedding anniversary.

In 2002 Richard and Audrey moved to Kearney, Nebraska where Richard continued to enjoy his retirement and Audrey became Director of the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA). In Kearney Richard joined St. Luke's Episcopal Church and was a member of the vestry and very active with the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska. He was also involved with the Kearney Noon Rotary, Kearney Concert Association, and Senior College of Central Nebraska.

Richard was known for his dry wit and generous spirit. He was a major supporter of the arts, participating on the Friends of Art Board for over three decades. He also served as President of the Omaha Symphony Board of Directors. He continued his relationship with Delta Chi Fraternity and served on the Cornell Chapter Housing committee at the time of his death. He was a lifelong collector of art, he commissioned a chamber orchestra piece in honor of their 5th wedding anniversary, and was an active volunteer at MONA.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Audrey S. Kauders of Kearney; sister Debbie and husband Dr. Steve Spangler, Boston; son Chris Gryder and wife Sheila Guarnagia, Roanoke, Virginia; daughter Roxanne Gryder and husband Stephen Balogh, Portland, Oregon; grandchildren Rowan Gryder, Charleston, South Carolina; Chelsea, Kaitlyn, and Nicholas Balogh, Portland; nieces Heather, Rebecca, Carrie, and Bailey Spangler; great nephew Shane Thomas; step-sisters Dr. Lisa Crockett and Phyllis Gallagher; and numerous Kauders/Leonard cousins and their families.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, step-mothers Connie Hodges Kauders and Pippa Crockett Kauders.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **21**. 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2304 2nd Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard F. Kauders*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Our condolences to Audrey and all of Richard's family. Richard was such a friendly and erudite co-worker. He contributed so much to the community and our work environment. He will be missed greatly by everyone who knew him. Butch and Nancy Ethington*

Butch & Nancy Ethington - December 03, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ *I'm sending my deep sympathy to Audrey and all of Richard's family at this sad time. Such a loss! I'll always remember when Audrey and I were in London for our MBA project and he managed to have flowers delivered to the room for her! He treasured her so and knew he'd found the perfect mate to share the things in life that mattered most to him. I'm so sorry that it is now time to celebrate all the good things he accomplished for his family and the communities where he lived.*

Cynthia Hadsell - November 21, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Cornell University and the class of 1969 have lost a tireless advocate.*

*Chuck Keene also class of '69
Bellevue, NE*

Chuck Keene - November 21, 2021 at 01:59 AM

PB

“ Richard and I were hired in the same area of Union Pacific at about the same time in 1972, and we worked together for many years. I counted him as a good friend. He was always great to work with, and an incredible source of information. He made our work environment a better place to be with his presence and his unique perspective on life. I valued his judgement and advice. My sincerest sympathies to his family.

Paul Berg, Des Moines, IA

Paul Berg - November 20, 2021 at 06:56 PM

BC

“ For 30 years Richard was a mainstay of Friends of Art, a nonprofit which provides scholarships for University of Nebraska at Omaha art & art history students. His generosity, insight, judgment, and dry humor will be greatly missed.

Bob Carlson

Bob Carlson - November 20, 2021 at 04:11 PM

EB

“ I spent many years working at Union Pacific , Richard was always generous with his time and taught me many things about railroad operation , railroad finance and regulations in the railroad industry. He also got me some great seats at the Omaha symphony. Thanks , Duck, for a life we'll lived and a positive impact on so many others.

Edward Benesh

Edward Benesh - November 20, 2021 at 03:40 PM

VK

“ So sad to hear of Richard's death. He radiated happiness and was a great supporter of the arts and education. Such contributions live on and continue to make our world better. Our love and thoughts to Audrey and his wonderful family and many friends.

Vicki and Dave Krecek

Vicki and Dave Krecek - November 20, 2021 at 12:33 PM

GP

“ What a great man and a great lover of great music. I met Richard through the Men's Council of the Omaha Symphony. OSA may have been the only US orchestra with a "men's guild" who raised money for the orchestra. The Symphony Guild, mostly comprised of women, out raised the Men's Council seven or eight fold. But we did contribute to the future of the Omaha Symphony in the 70s and 80s and we loved OSA!!

George Parkerson - November 20, 2021 at 11:27 AM

RR

“ Richard was a warm friend when I worked with him at Union Pacific years ago. Always a Friendly greeting and willing to help.

A great guy.

*Richard Rhodes
Omaha*

Richard Rhodes - November 20, 2021 at 10:41 AM

CR

“ So sorry to hear of the lose of Richard. He was also so pleasant and supportive of Audrey and her passion for the arts. Our sympathy.
Carol and Rick Russell

Carol and Rick Russell - November 20, 2021 at 08:36 AM

TY

“ A most delightful man has left our midst. We wish him godspeed as he is welcomed to a well-deserved rest above. We well miss him and send Audrey our sincere condolences. *Mary and Tom York*

Tom York - November 20, 2021 at 05:41 AM



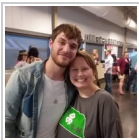
“ I worked under his widow's Audrey's direction for the Museum of Nebraska Art 2012-2013, so I saw Richard quite often. He was always kind, gracious, engaging, and humorous when we conversed. My deepest condolences to all who knew and loved him.

Paul Skinner - November 20, 2021 at 12:10 AM

 Cindy Houlden

“ My heart is sad at the news of Richard's passing, however; it is joyful that I knew him. Godspeed my fellow Rotarian.

Cindy Houlden - November 19, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ Prayers to Audrey and the rest of the Kauders family through this difficult time. Richard was truly an inspiration to many people including myself. He will be missed.

Allison Meyers - November 19, 2021 at 01:00 PM

SB

Bill and I are so sorry to hear this terrible news. Richard was a wonderful man and a gift to the arts and other communities in which he enthusiastically participated. He often drove from Kearney to Omaha for our Friends of Arts Board, saying the distance from Kearney to Omaha was way shorter than the other way round. He will be sorely missed.

Sandi Bruns - November 20, 2021 at 10:48 AM

NM

“*Richard was such a wonderful ally when St. Martha's in Papillion was established. He will certainly be missed.*”

Nancy McCammon-Hansen - November 18, 2021 at 08:57 PM