



Richard "Rick" J. Freese

January 5, 1952 - December 4, 2024

Richard "Rick" J. Freese, age 72, of Ashland, NE., passed away Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at the Oxbow Living Center in Ashland. Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 9, 2024 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney with Father Joe Hannappel officiating. Burial will follow at the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m., Sunday, December 8, 2024, with a vigil following at 6:00 p.m., both at St. James Catholic Church. Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated later. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Rick was born January 5th, 1952 in Lincoln, NE to Harold and N. Jean (Sweeney) Freese. He grew up in Kearney, graduating from Kearney High in 1970. He then attended Kearney State College and earned a bachelor's degree in business and economics.

Rick moved from Kearney to Ashland, NE in 1990 where he worked at Ernies in Ceresco, selling Kinetico water softener systems until he retired in 2018. He enjoyed spending time with his family and the outdoors, from water skiing, snow skiing, camping, hunting and fishing just to name a few. He was a fan of Nebraska football and enjoyed attending games both home and away.

He is survived by his son Jack Freese, wife Anna and grandson Lincoln all of Ashland, NE. Daughter Vanessa Freese of Las Vegas, NV. Brothers Dan (Jan) Freese of Kearney, NE; Scott Freese of Omaha, NE; Jon (Chelli) Freese of Edmond, Ok and sister Kim (Curt) Farrell of Dakota Dunes, SD. He is also survived by many nephews, nieces as well as great nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his parents Harold and Jean Freese; Nephew Jarrett Freese. A special thank you to the staff at Oxbow Living Center who cared for him in his last years.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Vigil Service

DEC 8. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *The Oxbow Care Staff purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rick" J. Freese.*



The Oxbow Care Staff - December 07, 2024 at 08:04 PM

CW

“ *Chris & Cortney Wittstruck purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard "Rick" J. Freese.*



Chris & Cortney Wittstruck - December 06, 2024 at 11:11 PM

MD

“ *I met Rick when I moved to Kearney in 6th grade and considered him friend through high school. Such a nice guy with a ready smile and a kind word. My sincere sympathy to all of the family.*
Molly Sims Darnell

Molly Sims Darnell - December 06, 2024 at 05:36 PM

GC

“ *Gregg Young Chevrolet purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard "Rick" J. Freese.*



Gregg Young Chevrolet - December 06, 2024 at 05:02 PM

JF

“ John/Amanda Farrell & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard "Rick" J. Freese.



John/Amanda Farrell & Family - December 06, 2024 at 03:18 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" J. Freese.



December 06, 2024 at 09:54 AM