



Robert S. Ayres

August 27, 1922 - September 15, 2014

Robert S. Ayres, 92, of Kearney died Monday, September 15, 2014 at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living in Hastings.

Private services will be held by the family. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Public Library.

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements. Visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence.

He was born August 27, 1922 in Gibbon, NE to Albert W. and Annie (Davies) Ayres. He grew up in Kearney and graduated from Kearney High School in 1940.

Mr. Ayres was a Veteran of WWII, serving 4 years in the United States Army Air Corps as a Mitchell B-25 pilot in the Pacific War Theater.

In September of 1949 he married Jane Hill.

After graduating from the University of Colorado in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance, he returned to Kearney for employment with the Webster Storage Battery Co.

In 1951, he joined the Kearney Hub Publishing company as Circulation Manager. In 1970 he succeeded his father-in-law, Ormond P. Hill, as Board Chairman and General Manager. He operated the Kearney Daily Hub with active stockholders, Edward E. Chittenden and Gale M. Leitner. He sold controlling interest of the Kearney Daily Hub to the Omaha World Herald in 1985. Although he continued to serve on the Board, he retired from the Hub in 1986 to pursue other interests.

He was active on several community organization boards including the Good Samaritan Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation, Kearney State College Foundation, Nebraska Outstate Publishers, Kearney Country Club and the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce.

He is survived by daughters, Sandra Allred and husband Bruce of Vermillion, SD, Leslie Dickman and husband Monte of Thedford, NE; son, Scott Ayres of Glendale, AZ; grandchildren, Trevor Harper and Kelly, Dr. Jenny Knutson and husband Matt, Dustin Dickman, and Kelcee Dickman and great grandsons, Wyatt, Max and Emmett Knutson.

He is preceded in death by his wife in 2006; daughter, Jennifer Lynn Ayres and sister; Elsie Stuchlik.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert S. Ayres*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Sandi, I still regret breaking your dad's walking stick, and not being brave enough to face him. I remember pressing it onto someone's foot through her tennie, to show her that I liked her. I keep Kearney from the Sky and Like It Was on our coffee table.*

Alan Oran - September 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to your*

family at this sad time. Your father was a true pillar

of this city for many, many years. He did so much for the historical and educational heritage to see that it was preserved. He will be missed.

Dennis & LaVonne Fries - September 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I remember how nice Mr. Ayres was when I worked at The Hub. I know my Dad really respected him and enjoyed working with him. Take Care and hold onto your memories. Sincerely, Linda Leitner Martin*

Linda Leitner Martin - September 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM