



## Scott A. Kratzer

August 20, 1968 - October 7, 2025

Scott Alan Kratzer, 57, of Amherst, passed away October 7, 2025, at St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island, Nebraska. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 am, October 16, 2025, at Kearney eFree Church. You can watch a livestream of the service at [kearneyefree.com/live](https://kearneyefree.com/live) Visitation will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, October 15, 2025, at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to The Scott Alan Kratzer UNK Sports Medicine Memorial Fund.

Scott was born August 20, 1968, in Grand Island to Ron and Linda (Yantzie) Kratzer. In the summer of 1973, Ron, Linda, Scott, and younger brother Brett moved from Grand Island to Broken Bow. Scott loved watching and playing sports with his brother and cousins. Scott joined the Broken Bow Boxing Club at a young age. Along with boxing, he loved watching football – especially his favorites – the Oakland Raiders and Nebraska Cornhuskers. During high school, Scott also took up golf, a sport that he grew to love.

Scott appreciated greatness and consistently strived for it in his own life. He studied diligently and graduated from Broken Bow High School in 1986. In May 1992, he earned a bachelor's degree from University of Nebraska at Lincoln in Athletic Training, Health and Physical Education. While at UNL, he proudly served as a student athletic trainer for the swimming team and football team. In 1996, Scott received his Master of Science in Workforce Education and Development with an endorsement in Sports Management from Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. Scott became certified as an Athletic Trainer in 1993 through the National Athletic Trainers Association, and in 2000 became a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. Scott worked as a trainer at 21st Century Rehab in Nevada, Iowa, before moving to Kearney in 1997 to work at Trails West Sports Medicine, now New West Sports Medicine & Orthopedic Surgery. He served as a certified athletic trainer for 28 years.

While Scott was studying for his Master's Degree at Carbondale, he met Staci Robertson as she was pursuing her undergraduate degree in Athletic Training. They discovered a shared love of sports, intramural competitions, country music, and dancing. Scott and

Staci were married in Burlington, Iowa on March 21, 1998. They welcomed their daughter Natalie in 2000 and son Tyler in 2003. The family stayed in Kearney until 2014 when they moved to the home they built together near Amherst.

Faith and prayer were very important to Scott, as he started each morning by reading his favorite scriptures from the bible. Scott enjoyed golfing, deer hunting, fishing, working out at the gym, cooking on his Traeger Grill, and cheering on his Husker football team. Scott loved life and lived it to the fullest – especially when it came to his family and friends. He was passionate about his job and loved serving his student athletes.

Scott is survived by his wife, Staci of Amherst, daughter, Natalie of Kearney, son, Tyler and girlfriend Ryleigh Wells of Axtell, NE, parents, Ron (Linda) Kratzer of Broken Bow, NE, brother, Brett (Heather) Kratzer of Lodgepole, NE, nephew, Paul (Hannah) Kratzer and their son Briggs of Illiff, CO, niece, Kate Kratzer of Chadron, NE, father in law and mother in law, John and Theresa Robertson of Farmington, IA, sister in law, Kimberle (Scott) Burnett of Burlington, Iowa, nephews, Lane Burnett and Ian Burnett of Burlington, IA, grandmother Evalyn Robertson of Mt. Pleasant, IA, aunts, uncles, and many cousins.

Scott was preceded in death by an infant son.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

OCT **16.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Kearney E- Free Church  
4010 7th Ave.  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ *Staci lit a candle in memory of Scott Kratzer*



Staci - October 28, 2025 at 04:12 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memorial Video*



Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - October 22, 2025 at 11:23 AM

DL

“ *Prayers for your family...i will always remember when i worked at New West and i got my skin cancer diagnosis..and he came up to me, shared his story..and told that i got this...he will be missed*

Dani Logan - October 16, 2025 at 11:16 AM

TB

“ *Scotty, you were and still are a true friend, and a brother in Christ. I will cherish our talks about our faith and our love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus, who you are now with, no more pain and I know we will see each other again. You lived a life that everyone should follow with faith, the love of your family and friends.*

*I will miss our golf matches on league nights, for some reason I brought the best out in you and you always beat me with your best scores of the year.LOL!! RIP Scotty and will see you again!!*

Tom Baxter - October 15, 2025 at 11:15 PM

AC

“ Amherst Wrestling Club purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



Amherst Wrestling Club - October 15, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



October 15, 2025 at 11:21 AM

DS

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family always appreciated his dedication to help kids

Don Seifried - October 15, 2025 at 09:22 AM

ER

“ Erica, Katelyn, Addison, Koby and Rob purchased the *Serene Retreat* for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



Erica, Katelyn, Addison, Koby and Rob - October 15, 2025 at 06:52 AM

A2

“ Amherst Class of 2018 purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



Amherst Class of 2018 - October 13, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



October 13, 2025 at 01:14 PM

EC

“ Eileens Cookies purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



Eileens Cookies - October 13, 2025 at 09:03 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



October 12, 2025 at 05:15 PM

MD

“ Melinda D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Scott A. Kratzer.

Melinda D. - October 12, 2025 at 12:32 PM

LM

“ We had the pleasure of meeting Scott and his family many years ago through his parents. Scott has always been a very kind hearted man who has always made a point to visit us whenever he comes to see his parents. We've had the pleasure of watching his children grow into wonderful adults ( definitely enjoying many childhood memories with his children) His wife Stacie has been a blessing to their family and Scott love her immensely. To say they are like family to us is putting it mildly. Scott will be forever in our hearts and forever missed. Rest easy Scott 🙏❤️

Lynette Morse - October 10, 2025 at 02:37 PM

BM

“ Bill & Lynette Morse, Christy & Tim Poole, John & Marita Frerichs, Jay & Andrea Stubbs, Chad & Ashlee Michael planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Scott A. Kratzer.

Bill & Lynette Morse, Christy & Tim Poole, John & Marita Frerichs, Jay & Andrea Stubbs, Chad & Ashlee Michael - October 10, 2025 at 02:28 PM

FT

“ From David, Jennifer and Nigel Tyser planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Scott A. Kratzer.

From David, Jennifer and Nigel Tyser - October 10, 2025 at 01:51 PM

FT

“ From David, Jennifer and Nigel Tyser purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



From David, Jennifer and Nigel Tyser - October 10, 2025 at 01:51 PM

TS

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Scott's passing. I knew him through his work as an athletic trainer and saw the impact he had on so many youth in our communities. I also have special memories with his parents on many bus trips years ago. My heartfelt prayers are with his family during this difficult time.  
— Tina Copp Stithem

Tina Stithem - October 10, 2025 at 12:45 PM

TG

“ Remember when Scott boxed, He was a great kid.

Tom Govier - October 10, 2025 at 10:55 AM

RJ

“ Scott was a great man. Always enjoyed him at our school and events. He helped out a great deal with so many behind the scenes items. He was wonderful at his job. He put up such a tough fight. Prayers are with his family. Rest in Peace Kratz.

Ryan Jones - October 09, 2025 at 04:11 PM

BC

“ Ron, Linda, Bret, Stacy and family, our heartfelt condolences for your loss. Bill and Karen Christen.

Bill Christen - October 09, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



October 09, 2025 at 10:14 AM

KS

“ Kearney Cemetery Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Scott A. Kratzer.

Kearney Cemetery Staff - October 09, 2025 at 10:14 AM

KS

“ Kearney Cemetery Staff purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



Kearney Cemetery Staff - October 09, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



October 09, 2025 at 09:20 AM

AT

“ Scott will be missed by all that knew him. His impact is shown by those he helped and cared for during his brief time with us. Prayers and hugs for his wife and family.



Amy Woodward Tharp - October 09, 2025 at 08:53 AM

RP

“ I was at Ravenna when I met Scott....with injuries we hung out often. He was the reason for so many keeping their hope up and staying positive. He was an amazing trainer but a better person.  
Rest easy Scott.

Rhett Psota - October 09, 2025 at 08:29 AM

RD

“ Rob Drew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Scott A. Kratzer.

Rob Drew - October 09, 2025 at 08:16 AM

RD

“ Rob Drew purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Scott A. Kratzer.



Rob Drew - October 09, 2025 at 08:16 AM

MK

“ Mary Kulhavy lit a candle in memory of Scott Kratzer



Mary Kulhavy - October 08, 2025 at 06:55 PM