



David Marcus Kroger

May 21, 1940 - September 29, 2020

David Marcus Kroger was born on May 21, 1940 in Omaha, Nebraska to Marcus and Marjorie (Godsey) Kroger. He grew up in Herman, Nebraska and graduated from Herman High School in 1958. Dave continued his education at Wayne State College, graduating in 1962 with a degree in History and later received his Master's and Specialist Degrees in Education Administration from the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Dave married Eileen Thomas on December 18, 1965 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yutan, Nebraska and they were blessed with two children: Julie and Marc. Dave started his career as a teacher and basketball coach in Yutan. He then moved into administration, serving as a high school principal/activities director at Cedar Bluffs and later, superintendent at Guide Rock, McCool Junction, North Loup Scotia and East Butler.

Dave was a people person and loved to visit. He never knew a stranger and delighted in being the neighborhood prankster. In retirement Dave spent countless hours with Eileen caring for their lawn and (her) garden. No item was too minor to not justify a "quick trip" to Omaha for them (Menards, Bakers, TJ, Fareway, etc!) especially if it could in any way be attributed to the grandkids. At home in his basement "man cave" Dave worked Sudoku and word search puzzles daily. Watching "the darn Cubs" was also a continual love/hate saga!! Winter months were also times for jigsaw puzzles. Dave and Eileen loved "day" trips on various missions---be it for groceries, wild flowers, or antiques.

Dave passed away on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at Bryan Medical Center West in Lincoln, from a devastating brain hemorrhage suffered the previous Saturday, at the age of 80 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Marcus and Majorie; sister Judy, her husband Jim and their son Jeff Campbell; Eileen's parents Benny and Anna Thomas, and brother-in-law Richard Thomas. Dave is survived by his beloved wife Eileen; daughter Julie and her husband Jerry, of Sioux City, Iowa; son Marc and his wife Angie, of York, Nebraska; three grandsons, David, Daniel, and Jalen; brother and sister-in-law Ron and Nancy Thomas; sister-in-law Jayne Thomas; nieces; nephews; and many, many dear friends.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 12:00PM - 05:00PM

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Reichmuth Funeral Home-Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd., Elkhorn, NE, US, 68022

OCT **Family will receive friends** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd P.O. Box 67, Elkhorn, NE, US, 68022

OCT **Funeral Ceremony** 11:00AM

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Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church
15005 Q St., Omaha, NE, US, 68137

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Reichmuth Funeral Home - October 02, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ Dear Kroger family:

Tim and I were saddened to read of Dave's passing, as kids of the seventies growing up in Cedar Bluffs, Mr. Kroger left us with fond memories of our high school days. Dave was compassionate and fair in his administrative duties and his smile with his toothpick will not be forgotten.

May you all find peace with each other and remember how many lives he touched.

Tim and Janelle (Vacha) Prchal
Class of '76 and '77

Janelle Prchal - October 05, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 04, 2020 at 11:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 04, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Remembering, with a thankful heart, times and teachers at Yutan High School, and of course the favorite was Mr. Kroger! Always with a smile, a twinkle in his eyes, making sports and learning into great experiences for kids who were not as appreciative as we should have been. Your influence on lives lasts, Dave! I'm remembering, with love, your wife and children in my prayers!

Sylvia Jacobson - October 04, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ Well said Sylvia. Dave remembering your wit, that infectious smile and laugh. Such great friends. Thinking of the laughter and jokes. A blessing to so many. Thinking of you, Eileen and their beautiful family.

John and Shirley Simons - October 04, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ To Dave's family.....my husband and are were both "Herman Cadinals" ! Dave was in one of the great classes at Herman High. The class of 1958. What a great basketball player and a great guy! He was always friendly and always VERY dedicated to basketball! He was always out in his driveway as a kid practicing and perfecting his basketball skills. His team was fun to cheer for and fun to watch. Everyone from Herman during this time has many special memories of that team. Dave will never be forgotten. With our sincere sympathy,
Roger and Mary-West Brodersen
Class of 1963

Mary Brodersen - October 03, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ Dave was my first superintendent in my teaching career at Guide Rock. He was a great mentor and a good friend. Will be keeping his family in my prayers during this difficult time. AI Lindsay, Pierce NE

AI Lindsay - October 03, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 03, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. Sending prayers to Eileen and family. Dave will be greatly missed.

Mary Lynch - October 03, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 03, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 03, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 02, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 02, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ Joyce and John Kurtze purchased the Fairest of All for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



Joyce and John Kurtze - October 02, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 02, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ Bryce and Tina Noll purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



Bryce and Tina Noll - October 02, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ Mr. Kroger was probably my favorite teacher through all my years at Yutan. He always had a friendly smile for everyone, except maybe of Friday when we would come in and see the current events map pinned up and we knew we were in for a quiz. He was the best! Praying for you all in this time of loss. Cathy Drews Johnson

cathy johnson - October 02, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with the family. Dave was a great guy! When I worked in registration at the hospital, he knew my favorite during Christmas was chocolate covered cherries. Every year he would bring me a box. He had such a big heart.

Tara Cooney - October 02, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 02, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ When my memory drifts back to simpler times and fonder days Dave is always there. My regret is not reconnecting with him in later years. I am sure he is held in high esteem in the memories of many a student and that should be tribute enough for any man. May God Bless you Eileen and your family in the days to come.

Rick Hancock

Rick Hancock - October 02, 2020 at 05:06 AM



“ Eileen, Julie, and Marc, so sorry to hear of this very sad news, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very sad time. What a wonderful person he was and what a character, he will be missed. He was a great teacher.

Jean Brown - October 01, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ My sincerest sympathy to Eileen & family. He will be missed by so many

Roma Swanson Smith - October 01, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 01, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Eileen & family. We're thinking of you at this very difficult time! I was so sorry to hear of Dave's death. He was our favorite teacher from Yutan when Mead and Yutan exchanged some classes - We came from Mead to be in Dave's Modern Problems class and some of Yutan's students went to Mead for FFA and shop. We all loved "Mr. Kroger", his wit and sense of humor! He will be missed!
Diane (Stange) & Paul Handley

Diane Handley - October 01, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ Kim Bass lit a candle in memory of David Marcus Kroger



Kim Bass - October 01, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ You will be missed Dave , RIP

Kim Bass - October 01, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ Eileen, Julie and Marc: I was saddened to hear of Daves passing. I really appreciated working with him during our years together at Cedar Bluffs. He loved his students and was an excellent administrator. He had a wonderful sense of humor and seemed to come to work every day. He certainly was a model for me to use in my administrative career. My thoughts are with you and the grandchildren.

Ken Nelson

KENNETH D./DOUGLAS NELSON - October 02, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ Perfect Ken. He was the best guy to learn from. My first teaching job... he was patient... and kind. Always supportive, encouraging... but firm.

Dan - October 04, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



October 01, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Rob & Jonnie Andrew, Herman Alumni - October 01, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ Basketball has been something Herman, NE has always been proud of - and Dave was a part of that!! He came from a "line of educators!" Our deepest condolences to his family--on behalf of all Herman alumni.

Rob and Jonnie Andrew

Jonnie Andrew - October 01, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ Mr. Kroger will always be that educator who saw something in me that very few others did. I can honestly say I don't know where I would be in life if it wasn't for the positive influence he had on my life for almost 40 years.

Ken Furstenau (Cedar Bluffs Class of 79)

Ken Furstenau - October 01, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ Dan & Kay, Rich & Jody, and Shane purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



Dan & Kay, Rich & Jody, and Shane - October 01, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ One of the greatest guys I've ever had the privilege of knowing! It was even better getting to be neighbors with him! I'll sure miss our ornery talks we used to have!

Nate Greene - October 01, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ The Kay Breiner Family purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of David Marcus Kroger.



The Kay Breiner Family - October 01, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ One of the best teachers I ever had and later a good friend. His math class should have been mandatory ! Life lesson were there. Have missed seeing him. Condolences.



Vic Hartford - October 01, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kroger.



October 01, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ Dear Aunt Eileen and family I was so very saddened to hear of Uncle Daves' passing. I remember all the holiday get togethers we had when we went to your house. Our love and prayers are with you at this time.

Love,
Jill Campbell
Ron Hinkle

Jill Campbell - September 30, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ Dear Eileen and family, so very sorry to hear about Dave. He was one of my favorites at Yutan High School, best teacher ever. Will miss running into him in Omaha shopping around the grocery store and telling me he has to hide those toffee bits for brownies from Eileen. Rest In Peace Dave, we will miss you. Denise and Allen Rowell

Denise Rowell - September 30, 2020 at 08:59 PM