



## John Raymond Ritner

November 29, 1939 - January 28, 2024

John Raymond Ritner passed away on January 28, 2024. Ne. John was born on November 29, 1937 to Donald and Dora (King) Ritner in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Growing up John and his brother George were inseparable. They did everything together. They traveled on vacations with their aunts and uncles and enjoyed fishing at their uncle Lete's resort, Sunnyside Camp at Kenora, Canada.

John graduated from Valley High School in 1958 and went on to attend the University of Nebraska at Omaha graduating in 1963. After graduation he worked for a short time at the Douglas County Gazette before joining the KETV Channel 7 news staff in May of 1963. John's 37 year career at Channel 7 included many assignments as a news photographer and film editor. After his retirement in December of 2000, John continued to make a trip into the station to deliver sweet corn to his former co-workers.

In later years John kept up the long time King family tradition of planting a huge vegetable garden and sweet corn patch and cooking noon meals for himself and his brother George every day.

John enjoyed taking pictures with his camera and walking around the farmstead. He fed the birds and built birdhouses for them and enjoyed watching them out of the windows of the farmhouse.

John loved sports and participated in football, baseball and track during high school and college. He was a life long season ticket holder at the University of

Nebraska and attended many Husker games with his friend, John Miller. John was also an artist – painting pictures from slides he took of trees and scenery around the farm place.

John is survived by his brother, George Ritner, niece Cheryl and her husband Mark Eckerman, numerous cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law Arlene Ritner.

Visitation Friday, February 2, 2024, at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn from 10:30 to 12 Noon, with interment and graveside service at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn at Noon and luncheon immediately following at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Valley Volunteer Fire and Rescue Foundation, or the Waterloo Volunteer Fire and Rescue, or the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 2. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Graveside Service

FEB 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Omaha, NE 68022

*A lunch will follow the graveside service at Reichmuth Funeral Home*

# Tribute Wall

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“ John and I worked at KETV when it was my first full-time job in journalism and he was great to work with and some much fun after work. His stories about being a running back at UNO were hilarious. His Ritner Savings & Loan operation also kept gas in my car. He was a very special person in Omaha news and everyone has a special story to tell about John. Truly wonderful, unique colleague and friend. He will be missed by many.

Timothy Rock - February 02, 2024 at 10:29 PM

JN

“ John was a fellow VHS football player and good guy. John and Linda Nelson

John Nelson - February 01, 2024 at 08:15 PM

LB

“ Love, Rex and Brenda purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Raymond Ritner.



Love, Rex and Brenda - January 31, 2024 at 08:21 AM

CC

“ Carol Casebeer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John Raymond Ritner.



Carol Casebeer - January 30, 2024 at 10:01 AM