

Richard Kearney, age 92, died on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Before his death he was a resident of Otsego Place in Storm Lake.

Richard was born in Rock Rapids, Iowa on April 23, 1922, the son of William and Agnes Cosgrove Kearney. He moved to Storm Lake when he was in 4th grade, and graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1940. Following his graduation from high school he began his college education at Loras College and Creighton University. During a break in his college years he worked on the Alcan Highway in Alaska.

His education was interrupted by World War II. He served in the Army from February, 1943 to November, 1945, as a combat engineer in Europe, receiving a Purple Heart for injuries received in battle and Bronze Stars for acts of bravery and heroism.

Following the war he returned home to Storm Lake, obtained a bachelor's degree from Buena Vista College, and married his friend and high school classmate Barbara DeLand. Their devotion to each other was complete, and their marriage lasted for 65 years until Barbara's death on March 25, 2014. Richard and Barbara had four children, Jan Kearney (Charles Sabalos) of Tucson, Arizona, Patricia Moe (Keith) of Albert City, William Kearney (Ying) and Matthew Kearney (Jamie), all of Iowa City, and grandchildren Elizabeth, Emily, Emma, Helen and Sarah, and great-grandchildren Braylon, Eve, Cannon and Vivian.

Richard obtained his master's degree from Iowa State University and embarked on a career teaching chemistry, physics and electronics to students at Rembrandt, Hayes, and Early, and 35 years as a beloved teacher at Storm Lake High School. Before his retirement in 1986, he made a lifetime of friends and enriched the lives of untold numbers of students.

Richard was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Parish in Storm Lake. His many interests included decades of amateur radio activity, and he will be remembered by many by his call letters KOHLM. He could build or fix anything, notably beautiful and intricate miniature engines which he made on his metal lathe. He loved to grow roses in his garden by the lake. But mostly he was interested in his family and his wide and treasured circle of friends.

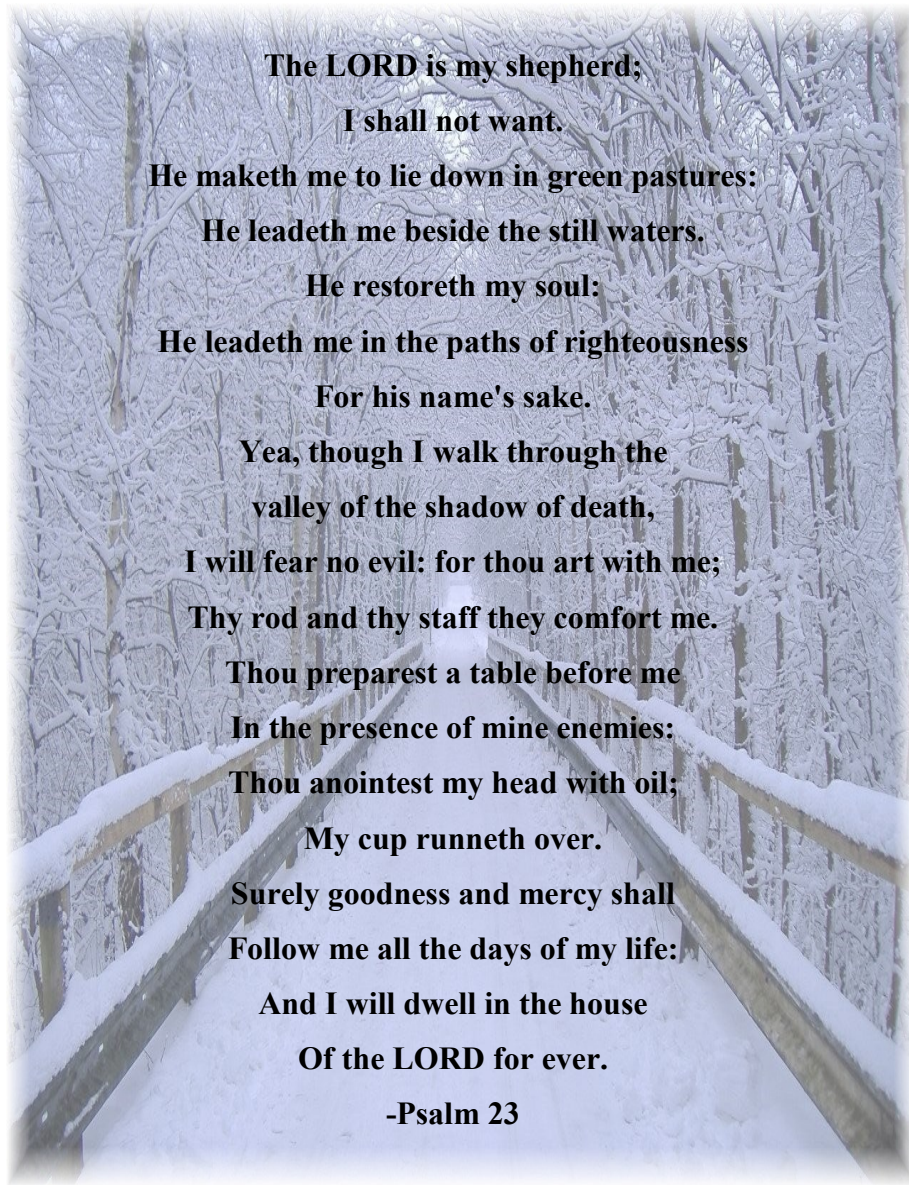
Richard is survived by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and by his nieces Lynn Kintigh and Kathleen Luehring, and nephew Thomas Kearney. He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara, his parents, his brother William, and his sister Corinne.

In Loving Memory



Richard J. Kearney

1922 — 2014



The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

For his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the

valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

In the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil;

My cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall

Follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house

Of the LORD for ever.

-Psalm 23

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the KC Hall immediately following the burial.

— The Family of Richard Kearney

IN MEMORY OF

Richard J. Kearney

April 23, 1922 — December 20, 2014

FUNERAL MASS

Saturday, December 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend Timothy Friedrichsen

ORGANIST

Dolores Cullen

CANTOR

Therese Becker

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

John Foster, Dr. Charles Tucker, Nancy Sliefert

James Eaton, James Storck, Palmer Olson

Jerry Matthews, James Treat, James Moody

CASKET BEARERS

Keith Moe, Charles Sabalos, William Russell Perry III

David Kintigh, Jacob Bruce, Chris Wimer, Ja'Maine Billups

INTERMENT

Presentation Of The Flag by Newell American Legion

Storm Lake Cemetery— Storm Lake, Iowa

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