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## Dale T. Bacon, 57

Dale T. Bacon, age 57, of Lincoln, Neb., passed away on Wednesday March 28, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Dale was born on Feb. 19, 1955 in Grinnell, and was raised in Brooklyn.

He attended Brooklyn Elementary and BGM High School where he nurtured his interest in acting. He graduated in 1973.

Following high school, he attended John F. Kennedy College in Wahoo, Neb., and was selected honorable mention for outstanding new actor.

In 1977, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and participated in several tours at sea earning the rank of Radio Man 2nd class. He was also a news broadcaster on the USS Cleveland's closed circuit TV system. After serving four years active duty and nearly two more in reserves, Dale was honorably discharged on Nov. 30, 1982.

After his military service, Dale settled in Lincoln, to raise a family. He worked at several jobs including Duncan Aviation, Midlands Packaging, Way Home Bookstore and at KZUM radio.

Dale hosted different programs on KZUM including Perchance to Dream, Mystic Dreams and he co-hosted Exploring Unexplained Phenomena for a number of years. He helped coordinate several conferences in town and was a member of the Fortean Research Center.

In 1994, he was hired by the Nebraska State Historical Society and advanced through several positions before finding his dream job as assistant curator for historical archives. In this position, Dale excelled at the restoration of old manuscripts, gathering research material and advancing the digital photo archives collection.

Dale was active in the Community Playhouse and participated in several different melodramas, as well as plays for the Senior Center. Each Halloween, Dale was in high demand as he would host multiple ghost tours around town in a tour bus, which sold out each year.

He is survived by his life partner, Linda Keith; his daughters, Erin (Lange) Bacon and Jennifer Bacon; granddaughter, Colleen Lange; Dale's mother, Ellen Annie (Peak) Bacon; brothers, Allen Bacon, Gary Bacon; sisters, Nancy (Bacon) Tauber, Julie (Bacon) Bartachek, and their spouses; many nieces, nephews, cousins and a wide variety of friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Edward Wayne Bacon.

Memorial service was held at the Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home on April 14. His ashes will be interred at the Brooklyn Iowa Memorial Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Nebraska State Historical Society. Arrangements by Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home. Condolences can be left at [lincolnfh.com](http://lincolnfh.com).