



## Leo L. Henricksen

November 26, 1925 - September 20, 2019

Leo L. Henricksen, 93, of Kearney, passed away Friday, September 20, 2019 at the Good Samaritan Society in Alma.

Funeral services will be Thursday, September, 26, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist in Kearney. Rev. Melody Adams will officiate. Burial will be at Kearney Cemetery with military rites provided by the Kearney V.F.W. Post #759, Kearney American Legion Post #52 and the U. S. Navy Military Honors Team. There will be no visitation, the casket will be closed. Memorials are suggested to the Peterson Senior Activity Center in Kearney. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Leo Henricksen was born November 26, 1925 to Henry and Mary Henricksen on a farm near St. Edward, Nebraska. He was the youngest of nine children. Growing up on the farm he attended a one room school house in Rosenberg and worked in the family's farm and general store.

He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on his 18th birthday and served on board the USS Oxford in the Pacific until 1946, through the end of World War II. He participated in the assault on Okinawa, part of the greatest generation.

Upon returning from the war he married his sweetheart, Opal Cuddeford. They moved to Kearney where they had two sons, David and Dana. He worked for his brother-in-law until joining First National Bank (now Wells Fargo). During his 33 years at First National Bank he helped countless individuals and businesses achieve their dreams and made many friends. During his over 70 years in Kearney, Leo served on numerous boards of businesses and charitable organizations contributing to the Kearney community.

Upon retirement he and Opal spent several years traveling, spending winters in Arizona and developing many more friendships. After almost 50 years of marriage, Opal passed in 1995.

A few years later he met and married his second love, Jeanene Swartz. Spending winters in Arizona, golf and frequent visits to the Peterson Senior Activity Center they enjoyed

almost 18 years together.

He is survived by his wife Jeanene; children, David Henricksen (Jennifer), Dana Henricksen (Cheryl), Mary Jo Christensen (Greg) and Tomas Schwartz. Grandchildren, Amber McCants, Angie Luce, Warren Henricksen (Alissa), Sarah Sheehy (Brendan), Brandy Johnson (Ben), Samantha Tilson (Jamie), Ariel Neumeyer (Will), Austin Christensen, Alan Christensen (Jenna), and Aimee Christensen (Zane Petersen). Greatgrandchildren, Emma and Jace McCants, Skye, Gordon and Carter Luce, Jack Henricksen, Lucas Sheehy, Brynleigh and Bria Johnson, Haley and Jacob Tilson, Wyatt and Josephine Neumeyer, and Lennox Christensen.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Opal, his parents Henry and Marie Henricksen, brothers Clark, Roland, Ernie, Dennis and Jerome, sister Lillian Petersen and infant twins.

# Cemetery

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## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I

Kearney, NE, 68847

# Events

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**SEP**

**26**

**Funeral Service**

10:30AM

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First United Methodist Church

4500 Linden Drive, Kearney, NE, US, 68847

# Comments

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“ Before I ever met Leo's son Dana, I started school at Kearney State and my dad took me to the bank to borrow money for my first semester costs. Leo was the loan officer, and having nothing to my name, he lent me the money I needed. I would always pay it back by the end of the semester and come back to the bank. And this dear banker would lend me enough for the next semester.. So appreciate that, no way it could happen today in our banks. Thank you Leo....I always loved you..Christy Henricksen Anderson

**Christy Anderson** - September 27, 2019 at 01:46 AM

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“ Yes, I remember when Leo was courting Jeanene and their love life. I was so happy for both of them. Leo was a great guy and will always remember him as always looking nice with his jacket on.

Karry Jensen

**Karry L Jensen** - September 25, 2019 at 10:52 AM

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“ Dana and David  
Your dad was a very special man and I'm blessed to have known him. Living across the street from you I remember your dad always being busy outside. The thing I liked about your dad is he would stop what he was doing and answer my endless questions for him !!!  
I treasure getting to know him as a adult,visiting with him at the Peterson Senior Center.  
You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers !!!  
Anna M. Sobotka-Schroeder

**Anna Sobotka-Schroeder** - September 25, 2019 at 10:23 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leo L. Henricksen.



September 25, 2019 at 08:25 AM

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“ On behalf of the Board of the Nebraska Admirals Association, we send our deepest sympathy and best wishes to Leo's family.

**Elaine & Don Sluti** - September 25, 2019 at 12:15 AM

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“ Leo was a man who cared about people. At my desk next to his office, I appreciated his knowledge of banking and his caring way and his friendship. Thinking of you David and family at this time. . Jane and John Schuster

**Jane Schuster** - September 24, 2019 at 12:34 PM

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“ I have many memories of my grandfather, but one that stands out a lot is going to see him while he was working at the bank. Grandma would take us there often and we would get to see him doing what he did best aside from being a wonderful grandfather. I remember always walking in there feeling very proud that he was my grandfather!

**Angie Luce** - September 24, 2019 at 12:16 AM

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“ Leo is the most amazing grandpa. He was always so excited to see his grandchildren and was always worried about us driving on the road. I have more memories than I can share... however.... growing up with him in my life always meant a trip to Dairy Queen! Then, when we were finished he would drive us down the “big hill”. He would go just fast enough to make our tummies tickle... but not so fast that he would put us in danger. In fact, it was the only time that he actually went as fast as the posted speed limit. He sure did love to take his time driving.



**Amber McCants** - September 23, 2019 at 11:38 PM



“ When his son Dana and I, Dana's first wife, lived in Kearney, I remember when Amber was less than two years old, Leo and Opal would bring Amber home on a Sunday afternoon, with Amber sitting on Leio's lap, steering the car as they drove. Oh the days when grandparents could get away with doing that. The good old days!

**Christy Anderson** - September 27, 2019 at 01:42 AM



“ You might not figure out who I am, and I may have written this before. I'm never sure if the computer does what I think it should. I'm Rev. Dr. Ron Roemmich and I officiated with the Catholic priest at Leo and Jeanene's wedding. If memory serves me right, I think I officiated at Opal's funeral. I was paging through some obituaries and noticed Leo's smile. The fact that he was smiling was not a surprise to me. I appreciated this man very much. Our sympathy in his transition of life.

**Ron Roemmich** - September 27, 2019 at 01:36 PM