



Alvin "Al" L. Vacha

May 5, 1944 - January 5, 2026

Alvin "Al" L. Vacha, age 81 of Kearney, passed away on Monday, January 5, 2026 at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Beatrice, NE. Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kearney E-Free Church. Pastor Jordan Hinrichsen will officiate. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to services at the church on Monday. Burial with military honors will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon, NE at 2:00 p.m. Memorials are suggested to the family, to be designated later. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a message or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements. A recording of the funeral service can be viewed by visiting <https://vimeo.com/1153718356/60eba5e46?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci>

Al was born on May 5th 1944 in Hooper, NE to Ladislov and Alma (Sedlacek) Vacha. He lived in the Kearney, Axtell and Gibbon areas most of his life. Al served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He felt very honored to serve his country. After the service, he returned to Kearney and worked at Eaton Corporation for many years. He later started Al and Sons Lawn Services which he operated until his retirement.

Al loved spending time talking on the phone and visiting so many of his siblings, grandkids, nieces, nephews and cousins. He loved going for drives and riding his motorcycle. He also loved going for coffee with friends and

always had a good joke. Al fought leukemia for many years until his health began to fail him. He was faithfully cared for by his son, Nathan until it became necessary for him to go to a nursing home.

Al is survived by his wife, Linda; sister, Pat Novak; sisters in law, Kathi Vacha, Bev Vacha; his children, Michelle Truax (Corey), Kristi Cochran, Scott Vacha, Nathan Vacha, Mike Booher (Deniz), Erin Carlson (Jesse); son-in-law, Ken Galloway; his grandchildren, Tyler Truax, Ryan Truax, Colby Cochran, Jacob Vacha, Selale Booher, Kaiden Smotherman, Schyler Vacha, Elisa Vacha, Alex Lopez and Taylor Lamothes. He is also lovingly remembered by many nephews, nieces and great grandchildren.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Laddie, Marvin, Dave and Donnie; sisters, Lori, Alice, Carol and Betty; daughters, Shannon Vacha and Christi Galloway; nephews, Bob Vacha, Ronnie Cover and Rick Ledbetter; niece, Patty Cover; grandson, Joshua Cochran.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Gibbon, NE 68840

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Kearney E- Free Church
4010 7th Ave.
Kearney, NE 68845

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Linda and family. I am so sorry as I am just reading that Al passed away. Lifting you all in prayers. My mom always enjoyed working with Al. I know you all will miss him.*

Charlotte Ann - January 12 at 08:12 PM

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“ *Linda and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. May the God of peace comfort you in His time.*

Kimberly Rebman - January 12 at 02:54 PM

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“ *Sending thoughts and prayers. So sorry to hear this.*

Tiffany Hartman - January 09 at 10:24 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Alvin "Al" L. Vacha.*



January 09 at 05:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Alvin "Al" L. Vacha.*



January 08 at 08:05 AM



“ *To my Godfather, Uncle Al. You are and always will be the best of the best. Your love, hugs and laugh will always be held so close to my heart and mind. To Aunt Linda and his kids and grandkids, I am so sorry we have to be separated from him on this earth. But he will remain a legend and his memories will live on thru you all. For now he is building a home in heaven for all of us to live in someday. Our families hearts and abundant prayers are with you all. ❤️*



Tammi Moore - January 06 at 07:37 PM