



## Cary W. Blue

October 4, 1949 - October 15, 2024

Cary W. Blue, 75, of Woodston, KS, formerly rural Shelton, NE, passed away on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Services will be on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kenesaw, NE. Pastor Paul Duffy will officiate and burial will be later. Visitation with family present will be on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to the family, to be designated later. Please visit [ww.w.hlmkfuneral.com](http://ww.w.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Our beloved Cary Blue tragically left us unexpectedly Tuesday, October 15, 2024. He had just celebrated his 75th birthday.

Cary was born October 4, 1949, to Raymond and Nedra (Ramsey) Blue. He had one sister Marcene Bauer. Cary attended elementary school at Denman and graduated high school from Shelton. He attended 1 year of college at UNL. The next year he came back to the family farm. He continued farming until he retired in 2022. He and his father owned CR Lumber in Kenesaw from 1977 to 1989. He had a passion for life including raising lambs and was able to offer opportunities for 4-H members with the Buffalo County lamb lottery. He followed the projects to completion which gave him much joy. He loved

spending time outdoors on the river, hunting and watching birds. He was a member and elder of the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lowell. He loved the Lord!! His Church Family was very important to him.

Cary was united in marriage to Sharon Smith on March 28, 2009. He joined a ready-made family, stepdaughters Julie (John) Winkel, Sandy (Terry) Redetzke and LeAnn (Damion) Dix. The apples of his eye were his grandchildren Caitlyn and Kade Miller, Grace (Blake Brown) Redetzke, Sydney and Carter Redetzke, Olivia, Ava and Addison Dix and great grandson Clayton Brown. He and Sharon rarely missed the grandkids sports activities. After Cary retired, they built a home in Kansas to be close to family. Cary played a huge part in the house's construction and took pride in the process. The past few years had been the happiest as they settled into their new home. Cary and Sharon were enjoying life.

Cary is survived by his wife Sharon; stepdaughters; grandchildren; sister, Marcene Bauer; Nephew, Matthew Gillham; Niece, Amber (Jason) Melero; great niece and nephew, Elise and Noah; brothers and sisters in law, Dale Janitscheck, Larry (Lisa) Janitscheck, Susan (Bryce) Riessland and Janece (Donald) Ripp; many nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Cary was preceded in death by his father and mother; brother in law, John Bauer; mother and father in law, Cecil and Ethel Janitscheck.

# Previous Events

## Family Greeting Friends

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl  
2421 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 237-2259  
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

## Memorial Service

OCT **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
310 North Fourth  
Kenesaw, NE 68956

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Marla Hartmann lit a candle in memory of Cary Blue*



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**Marla Hartmann** - June 27, 2025 at 03:30 PM

DS

“ *Sharon & family,  
Was sorry to hear of Cary's passing. Our condolences to the Blue family and God's comfort at this difficult time. Was glad you and Cary made the Stade Reunion back in 2019 at the Lowell church then. (Had sent a card to the Shelton address, so you may not receive it with the address change; hence, the note here.) Please take care--thoughts and prayers your way!  
Debbie Spaulding*

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**Deborah Spaulding** - October 25, 2024 at 09:22 AM

DW

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Cary Wayne's passing. Carey and I were related as his great Grandmother Esther and my great Grandmother Lucy were sisters. My Dad, Charles Westing raised a lot of sheep by Prosser thus he and Carey Wayne had ties through the years. Carey Wayne was instrumental in helping get sheep shearers to our daughter, Kelli at the Kodiak Baptist Mission in Kodiak, Alaska, for their sheep. Sure a wonderful, kind and gentle man. Knowing what I do about sheep, he has to be patient! Carey Wayne will be missed.*

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**Don and Nancy Wellensiek** - October 23, 2024 at 11:02 AM

BG

“ Brenda Benjamin, Brandon Grauerholz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cary W. Blue.

Brenda Benjamin, Brandon Grauerholz - October 22, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cary W. Blue.



October 22, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Cary W. Blue.



October 21, 2024 at 02:18 PM

SS

“ Sheri and Greg Gillham; Linda Sabin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cary W. Blue.

Sheri and Greg Gillham; Linda Sabin - October 21, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cary W. Blue.*



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October 21, 2024 at 01:49 PM



“ *Justin & Michele Baalman & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Cary W. Blue.*



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**Justin & Michele Baalman & Family** - October 21, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ *Donelle, Kristin, Viki, Sam, and Don planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cary W. Blue.*

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**Donelle, Kristin, Viki, Sam, and Don** - October 21, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cary W. Blue.*



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October 21, 2024 at 09:07 AM

JF

“ Julies work family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cary W. Blue.

Julies work family - October 20, 2024 at 11:10 PM

JF

“ Julies work family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Cary W. Blue.



Julies work family - October 20, 2024 at 11:10 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cary W. Blue.



October 20, 2024 at 04:32 PM

NT

“ Nebraska State Fair FFA Team purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Cary W. Blue.



Nebraska State Fair FFA Team - October 20, 2024 at 10:06 AM

MA

“ Marcene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cary W. Blue.

Marcene - October 19, 2024 at 12:14 PM

MA

“ *Marcene purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Cary W. Blue.*



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**Marcene** - October 19, 2024 at 12:14 PM

MN

“ *Matthew, Amber , Jason, Elise and Noah purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Cary W. Blue.*



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**Matthew, Amber , Jason, Elise and Noah** - October 19, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cary W. Blue.*



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October 18, 2024 at 06:41 PM

LB

“ *Great man! Heart of gold! Beautiful soul! He will be missed!*



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**Lisa Nelson Byers** - October 17, 2024 at 09:29 PM

BF

“ Bill and Patty Nelson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cary W. Blue.

Bill and Patty Nelson and family - October 17, 2024 at 08:44 PM

BF

“ Bill and Patty Nelson and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Cary W. Blue.



Bill and Patty Nelson and family - October 17, 2024 at 08:44 PM

JK

“ Jeff & Pat Westberg, Wyatt & Kirstin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cary W. Blue.

Jeff & Pat Westberg, Wyatt & Kirstin - October 16, 2024 at 10:08 PM

JK

“ Jeff & Pat Westberg, Wyatt & Kirstin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cary W. Blue.



Jeff & Pat Westberg, Wyatt & Kirstin - October 16, 2024 at 10:08 PM

DB

“ David and Holly Bittel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cary W. Blue.

David and Holly Bittel - October 16, 2024 at 09:48 PM

DB

“ David and Holly Bittel purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Cary W. Blue.



David and Holly Bittel - October 16, 2024 at 09:48 PM