



Gerald L. Knajdl

November 22, 1950 - February 26, 2026

Gerald L. Knajdl, age 75 of Kearney, passed away on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at CHI Health St. Francis Hospital in Grand Island. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst with Pastor Nicholas Whitney officiating. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday. Burial with military honors will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery near Amherst. Memorials are suggested to the Miller Volunteer Fire Department. 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.

Gerald was born on November 22, 1950 in Kearney, NE to Bernis "B.L." and Ruth (Berkheimer) Knajdl. He attended Amherst High School and graduated with the class of 1968. Gerald proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1970 until his honorable discharge in 1972. Later that year he was united in marriage to Loretta Hadwiger on July 22, 1972 in Amherst. Gerald worked for Marlatt Machine as a welder before starting his own business in Miller, NE, Wood River Valley Repair. Gerald also farmed and raised cattle and pigs in the Miller/Amherst area for a number of years. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Loretta of Kearney; sons, Jeremy (Kimberly) of Riverdale, Joshua of Bennington, and Jacob (Christina) of Blair;

sister, Joyce Knajdl of Kearney; niece, Lori Doellman of Bloomington, IL; and grandchildren Gracey, Gavin, Gretchen, Gunnar, Karly and Kenna.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, Bernis and Ruth; brother, James; sister, Julie; and nephew, Jeffrey.

Cemetery Details

Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery

235th and Daykin Road
Amherst, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
107 N Cherry St
Amherst, NE 68812
(308) 826-3421

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ All those hogs, and cattle (deer) slaughtered all those years ago remind me how Jeff & Lori learned to grind hamburger, us wrapping meat and our leader Jerry killing and skinning the animals. We all ate some mighty fine home-grown beef, hog & some deer meat. We were very fortunate to have him start the process and right there to finish it up. Lots of good memories!!!

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“ Home Instead purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald L. Knajdl.



Home Instead - March 02 at 03:50 PM

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“ Home Instead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald L. Knajdl.

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“ The Shultz Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Gerald L. Knajdl.



The Shultz Family - March 01 at 12:49 PM

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