



## Harold L. May

June 18, 1933 - January 24, 2023

Harold L. May, 89, of rural Kearney, passed away on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney. He had been at the Mother Hull Care Facility recovering from a leg amputation in December. Funeral services will be on Monday, January 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Pastor Kayla Mangrich will officiate and burial will be at the Prairie Center Cemetery at Haven's Chapel. The service will be live streamed at [www.kearneyfirstumc.org](http://www.kearneyfirstumc.org). Visitation will be on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney, and also an hour prior to services on Monday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Havens Chapel United Methodist Church or First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Harold was born June 18, 1933 in a farm home south of Buda, NE to Ross Austen May and Mildred Evelyn Barkdoll May. Harold attended rural elementary schools and graduated Kearney High in 1951. With the exception of the time he served in the Army during the Korean Conflict he lived all his life in Buffalo County. On June 19, 1955 he married his best friend Leila Velma Rhodes at the Methodist Church in Riverdale. To this union two daughters were born, Patricia and Shirley. The third, Diana arrived when she was 10 years old. Harold was a farmer/livestock man where he raised cattle, pigs and

sheep and worked from 1969 to 2001 for Ace Irrigation Company where he worked in manufacturing and was a truck driver hauling pipe and culvert. He was a member of Haven's Chapel United Methodist Church. He served on the Farmers Union Board, Divide Township Board and School Board of District #55. Harold love to see things grow and really enjoyed his garden. He loved to travel the country to see other farm operations, so gravel roads were no stranger to him. During his later years he and Leila enjoyed antique tractor shows. Harold and Leila celebrated 65 years of marriage prior to her passing in 2020.

Left to remember his stories and jokes are his daughters: Diana Petr (Jeff) of Riverdale, Patricia May of Plymouth and Shirley May of rural Kearney. He is survived by his sister Phyllis Roker of Bird Island MN; brothers, William May (Sue) of rural Kearney; John May (Evelyn) of Aurora. His grandchildren Jessie Wolf (Mike) of Lincoln; Jacob Petr of Plainfield Illinois; and Jared Petr (Rachel ) of Lincoln; great grandsons Jaxon and Gage as well as nephews, nieces and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ross and Mildred; wife Leila; brother Kenneth; sisters Helen Steinmeyer (Wayne) and Dorothy Miller (Don); brother-in-law Richard Roker and nephew Jonathan Roker.

# Cemetery Details

## Prairie Center Cemetery at Haven's Chapel

160th and Antelope Rd.  
Kearney, NE 68959

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Was saddened to hear of the passing of Harold. Prayers to all the family of Harold. Always enjoyed working for Harold. We would always have a good visit. He will be missed by many.*  
*Robert, Aaron and Mike Cudaback*  
*Cudaback Electric and Plumbing*

Robert C Cudaback - January 29, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Harold L. May*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



*So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He will be missed, but you will always have him in your memories. Prayers for comfort and strength. Sympathy for your loss, Al and Peg Meier*

Peg Meier - January 29, 2023 at 06:29 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Harold L. May.*



January 28, 2023 at 04:09 AM

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“ He definitely LOVED to laugh and have fun. We have many fond memories of him. Including all of us playing in the pool and he jumped up with his inner tube bikini. What a great, fun-loving guy! He will be missed. Rest in peace Harold.

Lois Rhodes - January 27, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Harold L. May.



January 27, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harold L. May.



January 25, 2023 at 07:41 PM