



Howard L. Kolbo

March 24, 1924 - October 17, 2018

Howard L. Kolbo, 94 of Kearney, died on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Wel-Life Assisted Living in Kearney.

Memorial services will be on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. Rev. So Yeong Son will officiate. Burial will be at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Callaway, NE on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the family, to be designated later. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride and Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Howard was born on March 24, 1924 to Charles and Clara (Otto) Kolbo in Callaway, NE. He attended the Callaway Public School and graduated in 1942. He taught school, farmed and joined the United States Army for service in 1945-1946. He trained as a Signal Corps radio operator. After the service he became a Union Pacific agent. He returned home to help during his father's terminal illness. Later he enrolled at Kearney State Teachers College and graduated with distinction in 1952. He also earned a Master's Degree at Greeley, CO in 1957. He taught music in Sumner and Eddyville for three years, in Bertrand for two years and for thirty years at Whittier, CA. Howard served as the piano accompanist for an Army Chorus, was the church pianist at Callaway, NE and was also the staff pianist at First Christian Church in

Fullerton, CA. He devoted many hours to the Trails and Rails Museum in Kearney. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Kearney, Kiwanis and also the Kearney American Legion Post #52. He retired in 1989 at Arrowhead Village in Kearney.

Surviving relatives include his sister, Dorothy Chilvers of Neligh, NE; nieces, Carol Hines of Gibbon, NE, Leslie (Frank) Lambert of Minden, NE and Ruth (Roger) White of Murfreesboro, TN; Nephews, Tom (Diane) Kolbo of Nevada, IA, James (Jocelyn) Chilvers of Wheat Ridge, CO and John (Suzanne) Kolbo of Sioux City, IA; Numerous great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Kenneth Kolbo; brother in law, Robert A. Chilvers

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Callaway, NE

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Graveside Service

OCT **29**. 4:30 PM.

Rose Hill Cemetery
Callaway, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard L. Kolbo*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *For two years Mr. Kolbo was my music teacher at Bertrand Community Schools. He got me started on a ten year struggle with the French Horn, 8th grade through college (Omaha University, now UNO) and on to adulthood. He also led the choir at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bertrand for the two years he shared his talents there. All music teachers I've had still then have been measured against his dedication and skill. Best wishes to his family. Timothy S. Nelson*

Timothy Nelson - October 26, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ *Ariel and Charlotte Ahrens purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Howard L. Kolbo.*



Ariel and Charlotte Ahrens - October 22, 2018 at 02:58 PM

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“ I would like to send condolences to the family and friends of Howard Kolbo. I met Howard through my husband, Merlin Burgland, who was a life long friend of Howard, having both gone to school together in Callaway. Howard was such a kind, thoughtful, caring person. He always seemed to be thinking of the other person rather than himself. The three of us had many adventures together. We attended musical programs on the college campus, traveled to Callaway for special events, and short trips to various events in the area. Following Merlin's passing, Howard and I continued to keep in touch. I moved to Lincoln, Nebraska over a year ago and Howard would always call and we would have a wonderful visit over the phone. I always enjoyed visiting with him about the good old days. I don't think he ever called but what he didn't ask how I and my whole family was. He will be greatly missed.

Esther Burgland

Esther Burgland - October 20, 2018 at 10:02 AM

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“ Eugene And Tammey Frick lit a candle in memory of Howard L. Kolbo



Eugene and Tammey Frick - October 20, 2018 at 12:25 AM