



Larry K. Nansel

November 23, 1932 - August 13, 2020

Larry K. Nansel, 87, Grand Island, formerly of Kearney, died Thursday, August 13, 2020 at C.H.I. Health St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island. A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 am, August 17 at First United Methodist Church in Kearney with Rev. Alan Davis officiating. Burial will follow the service in the Kearney Cemetery with Military Rites provided by Kearney American Legion Post #52, Kearney V.F.W. Post #759, and the Nebraska National Guard Funeral Honors Team. Visitation will be from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Sunday, August 16, 2020 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services and one hour prior to the service at the church. All CDC guidelines will be followed regarding social distancing and face masks are required for the service and visitation. Memorials are suggested to Faith United Methodist Church or First United Methodist Church, both in Kearney. The service will be livestreamed for those unable to attend. Please visit kearneyfirstumc.sermon.net/special to view the service.

Larry was born to Charles G. and Mildred "Kitty" (Mason) Nansel on November 23, 1932 in rural Arnold, NE. Larry attended country school until moving to Callaway in the eighth grade where he graduated with the Callaway High class of 1950.

After graduation Larry farmed and ran their dairy with his parents.

Larry and Roberta (Hoffman) were united in marriage on August 3, 1952. They were happy to reach 68 years of marriage earlier this month.

Larry was drafted into the US Army in May 1953. He served during the Korean Conflict from 1953 to 1955, stationed in Boston, MA. Larry and Roberta enjoyed their time in Boston. Following the Boston Celtics, Boston Red Sox, and the history of the area were the highlights of this time. They enjoyed trips back to Massachusetts over their marriage.

After being discharged from the Army, they returned to Callaway where he continued in the farm and dairy business. In July 1958 Larry bid and was awarded the Star Route Contract from the US Postal Service. He and Roberta moved to Kearney and he began a 41 year career delivering the mail between Kearney and Callaway, retiring in June of 1999.

Larry and Roberta were happy to be able to travel to 47 of 50 states and overseas to Norway, Finland, and England in 1979. Some of their favorite trips were an Alaskan cruise, New England Fall foliage trip, railroading through the Canadian Rockies, following grandson Seth playing baseball, a trip to the Black Hills with Kevin's family, and two charter bus tour baseball trips - one Midwest tour with Roberta and an east coast tour with Kevin, Melanie, Terry, Kelsey and Callie. Larry loved playing bridge, cribbage and at family get togethers playing five point pitch. But his time with Roberta, his children, his grandchildren, and family reunions were the times he cherished the most.

Over the years Larry was always very involved in his church and his community. Some of his memberships were Star Route Carriers Association, past president and member of Methodist Memorial Homes in Holdrege, past president and member of Kearney Cosmopolitan Club, past president and member of Buffalo County Historical Society, past member of Kearney Elks Lodge #984, 60 plus year member of the United Methodist Church (58 years

at Faith UMC in Kearney and current member of First UMC in Kearney), holding many offices at Faith UMC and was also financial secretary for many years. He is a current member of Kearney American Legion Post 52. He has been a Legion member since 1955.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta of Grand Island; children and spouses Kevin and Pat Nansel of Grand Island, Christine and Terry Garrison of Dallas, TX, Melanie and Terry Sheen of Grand Island; grandchildren and spouses, Jason Peterson of Omaha, Kara and Sebastian Nastase of Omaha, Seth and Lauren Garrison of Royse City, TX, Kelsey and Mark Johnson, and Callie and Luke Friesen all of Grand Island; great-grandchildren Aryanna, Vincent, and Elliott Nastase all of Omaha, Abigail, Andrew, and Ashton Garrison all of Royse City, TX, and Will and Cora Johnson of Grand Island; siblings and spouse, Lane and Barb Nansel of Kearney, Linda Lawrence of Callaway, and Lee Ann Young of Lexington; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Jerry Jorgenson of Kearney, Gaylene and Bill Rudy of Aurora, Bernita and Craig Meads of Overton, and Ron and Em Jorgenson of Callaway; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles G. and Mildred "Kitty" Nansel, in-laws Hugh and Faye Hoffman, grandson Corey Sheen, and sister-in-laws and brother-in-laws Karen Nansel, Kelly Young, Larry Lawrence, Jim and Dee Olson.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry K. Nansel*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Melanie and family, We are so sorry for your loss/unfortunately we did not realize until after we saw the thank you in the paper that your dad had passed away. Just want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers .Gerre Kurtenbach and family*

Gerre Kurtenbach - October 12, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ *Roberta & family, I want to extend my sympathies to you and your family with the recent passing of Larry. He was a great person and recall him every morning going through the intersection of 31st. & E to the post office for his daily run to Callaway. Larry was always a joy to visit with whenever he was at the store. The bad thing is that the light reflection won't be so bright behind me at Pinnacle during state basketball.*

Ed Mach

Edwin J Mach - August 27, 2020 at 05:16 PM

RM

“ Dear Roberta and family, We extend our sympathy in the loss of Larry! He was a super guy. I remember 54 years ago, in March when his truck slid off of Hwy. 40 by Hanson's mail box. I & Keith came along in our Jeep and picked up Larry and a woman from Oconto that he had picked up. Some how we all squeezed into the Jeep and got down the highway to our place and had room for everyone. The next morning the sun was shining, and snow was plastered on all four sides of the barn! Roger and Carolyn Miles

Roger & Carolyn Miles - August 21, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Funeral Service



Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services - August 19, 2020 at 11:31 AM

CR

“ Dear Bert and family! Sincere sympathy in your loss. I sent a message to Peggy in Aus! I lost my hubby 13 years ago and I still feel his loss. Deepest and mist understanding condolences to you and your family. Carol Roeder

Carol A Roeder - August 18, 2020 at 06:31 PM

EB

“ I want to express my condolence to all of you on the passing of Larry. You Roberta and your family have been special to my family for many years. Our families have grown up together at Faith Church. Merlin Burgland always thought so much of Larry. He always liked to hear about your grandson, Seth and his baseball events. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.
Esther Burgland

Esther Burgland - August 18, 2020 at 09:58 AM

JH

“ To All of the Nansel Family, our dearest condolences and prayers. May God wrap His arms around all of you and Bless you with His Peace.
With our Love and Prayers,

Jerry, Lisa and Tyler Huismann

JERRY HUISMANN - August 17, 2020 at 02:53 PM

AC

“ We will always remember the visit when we ran over something in the road on the trip and limped into town with something dragging under our car. Larry spent the next morning under the car tying it back together so we could get home. That temporary fix lasted 2 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Roberta, family, and all those who Larry touched.
Arlene, Linda, and Family

Arlene Stevens/Linda Crawford - August 16, 2020 at 07:06 PM

FL

“ From Arlene, Linda, and Lynn purchased the Fair est of All for the family of Larry K. Nansel.



From Arlene, Linda, and Lynn - August 16, 2020 at 06:53 PM

TR

“ Dear Nansel family, My Sincere Sympathy to you all. Ann, I'm especially thinking of you, but sending my prayers to you all. John & Tami Reynolds

Tami Reynolds - August 15, 2020 at 06:10 PM

JW

“ So many memories growing up with our parents being close friends. Loved the memories of the time we spent at your house and seeing the friendship between them and all of us kids. My thoughts are with all of you during this time of sadness. Wish I could be there to see your family. Prayers are with you Roberta and all your family.

Joel Wilcher - August 15, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Larry K. Nansel.



August 15, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Larry K. Nansel.*



August 15, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Ed and Dolly Perry purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Larry K. Nansel.*



Ed and Dolly Perry - August 14, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *Our prayers and condolences are with you as Larry has gone to his Heavenly home. He provided many years of faithful service including to his church. He led the way of faith for many and will be well remembered. Lyle and Sheryl Shafer, Jr. Sunrise, Florida*

Lyle B Shafer Jr - August 14, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ *The thing Creta and I remember about Larry the most, is he never had a harsh word to say about anyone. He was such a kind soul. He will be missed.*

Roger and Creta Kolbo.

Roger Kolbo - August 14, 2020 at 04:38 PM

PF

“ Pace & Drew and Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Larry K. Nansel.



Pace & Drew and Families - August 14, 2020 at 01:41 PM

CD

“ So glad we got to work with Larry. He was very nice and loved to talk about his grandson playing baseball. Sorry for your lose Roberta and family. Imagine the star route in heaven. Carroll and Lorene

carroll david - August 14, 2020 at 01:16 PM

PP

“ Larry was a great guy, always kind. He used to give my young daughter a ride on the mail truck with him from Kearney to her grandparents (Becks) in Oconto. Know he will be missed by many. Prays to the family and May he Rest In Peace.

Pat Pennington - August 14, 2020 at 09:08 AM

MC

“ Kevin, We are so sorry for your loss. Peace be with you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marc and Myfanwy Carranza and family

Marc Carranza - August 14, 2020 at 09:01 AM

BR

I met Larry and Roberta in 1995, when I spoke in Kearney at their Christian Women's Club, I stayed overnight with them and Roberta and I became close friends. I remember Larry as being such a great host and even though we visited and played "Upwords", a board game, he let Bert and I have our women's talk. Many were the times following that I spent the night with them in their Kearney home and later, their townhouse. They were Kearney State basketball fans and often came to the Ft. Hays, KS. games when we were able to visit briefly and host them for breakfast. I also remember him as having a great work ethic as he arose very early in the morning for that mail route to Callaway and spent time with his aging mother. Both he and Bert were caring people who lived out their faith in Christ. My condolences to you, Bert, and your family. My prayers continue for all of you as you adjust to life with Larry glancing down at you from a heavenly window.

Betty Rupp, Hays, KS.

Betty Rupp - August 15, 2020 at 03:27 PM

LN

“ Love, Randy & Nena purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry K. Nansel.



Love, Randy & Nena - August 13, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Larry K. Nansel.



August 13, 2020 at 07:32 PM