



Oren D. Hardin

February 7, 1927 - May 27, 2018

Oren D. Hardin, 91, of Kearney died on Sunday, May 27, 2018 at Brookdale Northridge assisted living in Kearney.

Private graveside services will be held later at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery near Maxwell, NE. There will be no visitation. Memorials in lieu of flowers are suggested to UNK Women's Athletics. Visit 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.

Oren was born on February 7, 1927 in Decatur County, KS to Elzie W. and Esther B. (Ball) Hardin. He attended Kearney High School and graduated in 1944. Oren served in the United States Navy during WWII. He married Elinor Faye Cook on August 14, 1949 in Kearney. Oren worked for over 35 years as a Mail Carrier for the post office, retiring in 1983. He also owned and operated the Happy Christmas Tree Farm near Kearney for over 23 years. Oren was a member of the Kearney Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #759 where he served on the Honor Guard for many years. He was also a volunteer at Good Samaritan Hospital, delivered meals on wheels, was a member of the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department, served on the chain-gang for UNK football games and was also a former Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop #136.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Elinor Hardin of Kearney; son, Kelly (Laurie) Hardin of Kearney; daughter, Nancy (Keith) Simmons of Milltown, MT; sister, Janice (Delbert) Anderson of Apache Junction, AZ; 8 grandchildren; 11 ½ great grandchildren; many other nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Oren was preceded in death by 2 brothers; 1 sister

Cemetery Details

Ft. McPherson National Cemetery

12004 South Spur 56 A
Maxwell, NE 69151

Tribute Wall



“ *Oren D. Hardin*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Thanks for all your football chain gang work for the Lopers.*

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“ *So sorry for your loss - love and prayers during this emotional time -
Love in Christ - Marci Walker - Surprise, Arizona*

Marci Walker - May 29, 2018 at 11:11 PM



“ *Sue Murphy lit a candle in memory of Oren D.
Hardin*



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