



## Robert L. Placzek

December 11, 1950 - January 24, 2026

Robert L. Placzek, age 75, of Kearney, passed away on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at CHI Health – Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha. Memorial services will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney. There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. at the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Grand Island with military honors provided. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Area Animal Shelter or the Minden American Legion Post #94. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a message or condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Lyle Placzek, 75, of Kearney and Holdrege, Nebraska, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at University Medical Center-Bergan Mercy in Omaha, Nebraska, with his fiancé Carol Carlson present. Robert “Bob” was born in Central City, Nebraska to Ida Mae Keller and adopted by Carl Stanley Placzek when he was twelve years old.

Robert grew up mainly in Gibbon, Nebraska, and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969, serving at Fort Buchner in Okinawa as a truck driver and at Fort Ord, California, where he was discharged in 1974, having served four and a half years. Bob returned home to attend Central Community College in Hastings, where he obtained a degree in auto body. He worked for Turner Body Shop

and left to work at Eaton Corporation for over thirty years.

Bob married Donna Jean Sager of Hastings on the banks of the Platte River near Shelton on July 7, 1979. Donna had three children by a previous marriage, David, Brad, and Kim. Donna passed away on March 30, 2016. Bob then met Carol Carlson of Holdrege in April of 2018 and the two became inseparable.

Bob loved motorcycling, hunting, fishing, camping, bowling, gardening, canning foods from the garden, playing cards, watching Husker and Packers football, birdwatching, his two chows Sooki and Kiko, and his Maltese Lil' Lady. Bob loved life and made the most of each day. Bob was a proud veteran and was a current member of the American Legion Post 94 in Minden, American Legion Riders Post 53 of Grand Island, Eagles Posts #2722 of Kearney and #3132 of Holdrege, and VFW Post 759 of Kearney, Nebraska. Bob supported many poker runs on beautiful Saturday mornings across Nebraska.

Bob is survived by his sister, Carla Placzek of Chicago, Illinois; nephew, Nicholas Jones and wife Amy of San Francisco, California; his significant other, Carol Carlson; seven grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Donna; a brother; three stepchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Grand Island

3270 West Capital Avenue  
Grand Island, NE 68803  
<https://veterans.nebraska.gov/nebraska-veterans-cemetery-grand-island>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

FEB 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nebraska Veterans Cemetery at Grand Island  
3270 West Capital Avenue  
Grand Island, NE 68803  
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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Service*



**Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services** - February 03 at 12:27 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Robert L. Placzek.



January 31 at 02:37 PM



“ *Mike and Rita Uldrich and family* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert L. Placzek.

**Mike and Rita Uldrich and family** - January 31 at 02:37 PM



“ *Ryan, Sara, Knox & Warren Pankoke* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Robert L. Placzek.



**Ryan, Sara, Knox & Warren Pankoke** - January 30 at 01:30 PM

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“ I loved doing some of Bob’s Bucket List with him. We went to his first Husker football game. Bob was an avid Husker fan. Luke Jones lined up a for us to tailgate and attend a Packers-Broncos Exhibition game in Denver. Our trip to Scottsdale brought his first Pop Stroke golf, life in the Middle Ages at Medieval Times, and trip to Dominique’s, a fantastic steakhouse. Bob was so open to new experiences and made each day fun and funny! Bob was a happy man who shared his happiness with everyone. Carol Carlson

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**Carol Carlson** - January 29 at 09:17 AM

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“ Bob was an incredible friend. Dan and I will cherish the memories we made together. Bob- we will miss you. Rest in Peace. Love The Stewart’s

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**Donita Stewart** - January 28 at 01:20 PM

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“ Our condolences to Bob/s family and loved ones. We only knew Bob a short time, but found him to be an easygoing, interesting, kind man. May he rest in peace. Rod and Kathy Hardenbergh

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**Kathy Hardenbergh** - January 27 at 11:43 PM