



## Wallace B. Kucera

September 27, 1932 - October 8, 2023

Wallace B. Kucera, age 91, formerly of North Platte, NE, passed away on October 7, 2023, in Kearney, NE. A short service will be held on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Fort McPherson National Cemetery near Maxwell, NE. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to any veteran's charity. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Wallace was born on September 27, 1932, in Greybull, WY. His family ultimately settled in Clarkson, NE. After graduation from Clarkson High School, he went to Wayne State College, NE where he played basketball and football while working towards a BA in Social Studies.

From there he joined the army and during this time he met Jane Koopman of LeMars, Iowa. The two were married November 23, 1954, and moved to Munich, Germany where Wallace was stationed. After proudly serving for 7 years, he finished his military service and they lived in California before settling back in Clarkson, where he worked on the family farm.

After farming, the family moved to Wayne where he completed his BA and ultimately settled in North Platte, NE. There he joined the North Platte Public School system and pursued a Specialists Degree in Education from Kearney State College. During his career he was a middle school history teacher, high-

school guidance counselor, middle-school vice principal, and finally as a principal of an elementary school and impacted the lives of many.

Wallace was an avid outdoorsman and was happiest with a fishing rod in his hand or out on the boat in search of his next big master angler.

Wallace is survived by; children Keith (Lori Cody) Kucera of Kearney, Bruce (Jhoni) Kucera of Lincoln and Gina (Joe) Garden of Kearney; grandchildren Evan (Emily) Kucera, Christian Kucera, Emily (Joel) Peterson, and Abigail Garden; sister-in-law Florence Swain of Sioux Falls, SD; sister-in-law, Beverly Koopman of Falls City, NE; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother and his beloved wife Jane who passed away in January of 2023.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. McPherson National Cemetery**

12004 South Spur 56 A  
Maxwell, NE 69151

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

OCT **13**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Wallace B. Kucera.*



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