



## Carl B. Lewis

November 11, 1930 - January 14, 2025

Carl B. Lewis, 94, of Kearney died Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Kearney Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family and loved ones. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 25, 2025 at the Pleasanton United Methodist Church with the Reverend Kayla Mangrich officiating. Interment will be in the Pleasanton Cemetery with military honors provided by the Nebraska National Guard in Conjunction with Pleasanton VFW # 9481 and American Legion #321. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2025 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Online condolences may be shared at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Carl was born November 11, 1930 in rural Elm Creek, Nebraska to Clarence and Edith (Cushman) Lewis. He was raised in Ravenna, and attended Ravenna High School, graduating with the class of 1948. On June 5, 1949, Carl was united in marriage to Darlene Lammers in Ravenna, NE. Carl served in the U.S. Army from 1952, serving both active duty and as a reservist, until his honorable discharge in September of 1991, reaching the Rank of Lt. Col.

With a thirst for knowledge, Carl earned his Bachelors, Masters and his PhD

from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Carl was a longtime Professor and Dean of Economics at Kearney State College until his retirement in 1992.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Steve Lewis and wife Kay of Haviland, KS, Dave Lewis and wife Jackie of Kearney; daughters, Pat Starkey and husband Gary of Grand Island, Linda Cohn and husband Steve of Omaha, NE; 16 grandchildren, Christi (Matt) Lewis, Jenni Lewis, Lisa (Doug) Trent, Heather (Brock) Long, Joshua (Stephanie) Lewis, Robyn (Scott) Clevenger, Blake (Staci) Pritts, Adam (Danielle) Pritts, Sean (Sidney) Starkey, Zachary (Sadie) Lewis, Erin (TJ) Bond, Shane (Jessica) Cohn, Nichole (Chris) Ulibarri, Marisa Cohn, Derek (Denise) Cohn, Ashley (Troy) Durnell; as well as many, great and great great grandchildren; sister, Sharon Selvage of Lincoln; many extended family and close friends; special veteran friends, Russell Horst, James Curfman, Danelle "Nelly" Nelson; as well as many veteran brothers and sisters.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents; devoted wife, Darlene; and brothers, Albert and Clarence Jr.

Carl's life was marked by a devotion to his family, service to his country and passion for learning. His kindness, wisdom, and steadfast spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasanton Cemetery

Pleasanton, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 11:00 AM.

Pleasanton United Methodist Church  
Pleasanton, NE

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Rick & Jody Bailey purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



Rick & Jody Bailey - January 24, 2025 at 11:22 AM

TJ

“ Travis, Stephanie, Kooper and julie purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



Travis, Stephanie, Kooper and julie - January 24, 2025 at 11:07 AM

TJ

“ Travis, Stephanie, Kooper and julie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl B. Lewis.

Travis, Stephanie, Kooper and julie - January 24, 2025 at 11:07 AM

TN

“ Thuyen N. purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



Thuyen N. - January 23, 2025 at 11:30 PM

TN

“ Thuyen N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl B. Lewis.

Thuyen N. - January 23, 2025 at 11:30 PM

LT

“ Lori & Jeff Davis -Cindy & Todd Thomas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



Lori & Jeff Davis -Cindy & Todd Thomas - January 19, 2025 at 10:21 AM

LT

“ Lori & Jeff Davis -Cindy & Todd Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl B. Lewis.

Lori & Jeff Davis -Cindy & Todd Thomas - January 19, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



January 18, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carl B. Lewis.

January 18, 2025 at 03:46 PM

AG

“ Andrea Gwynn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



---

Andrea Gwynn - January 18, 2025 at 01:13 PM

AG

“ Andrea Gwynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl B. Lewis.

---

Andrea Gwynn - January 18, 2025 at 01:13 PM

LM

“ Love Cara a.k.a Mom purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



---

Love Cara a.k.a Mom - January 17, 2025 at 09:42 PM

LM

“ Love Cara a.k.a Mom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl B. Lewis.

---

Love Cara a.k.a Mom - January 17, 2025 at 09:42 PM

JB

“ We have great respect for Carl. Such a genuine person with a kind heart. Sending our deepest sympathy.  
Jack and Janelle Beatty

---

Janelle Beatty - January 17, 2025 at 01:48 PM

ET

“ Edith telule purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi  
phyllum for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



---

**Edith telule** - January 17, 2025 at 12:10 PM

CM

“ Carl Lewis was the best Academic Department Chair that ever lived!

---

**Craig S Marxsen** - January 17, 2025 at 10:57 AM

CM

“ 5 files added to the album Birthday



---

**Craig S Marxsen** - January 17, 2025 at 10:52 AM

LM

“ So many memories of Carl. It was such a pleasure taking care of you for 4 years. You always had a positive attitude and the love for your family was shown every day. I loved hearing about the great life you had. Now you are reunited with the love of your life. Don't let her push you into the wheelbarrow again! Thank you for your service to this country we call home, as you truly deserved all the recognition for your long career. To your loving family, Carl was so proud of you guys. All your own accomplishments in life. He loved you guys more than you will ever know. Thank you for sharing him with me, he will always hold a special place in my heart.  
Rest in Peace

---

Laurie Myers - January 16, 2025 at 08:58 PM

JH

“ My deepest condolences to Carl's Family, he was my favorite resident to take care of these past five years. An unforgettable soul and his service will always be remembered. Thinking of you during these difficult times.

---

Jami Harpold - January 16, 2025 at 04:43 PM

JH

“ Jami H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl B. Lewis.

---

Jami H. - January 16, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



---

January 16, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carl B. Lewis.

January 16, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ Sway purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



Sway - January 16, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ Sway purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Carl B. Lewis.



Sway - January 16, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ I new Carl from caring for him at the Homestead. I loved him! He was good and Kind. When my mom Polly lived there they became friends.Im sorry for your loss. Judy Kolling

Judy Kolling - January 16, 2025 at 02:58 PM