



Delroy L. Hemsath

November 13, 1945 - August 25, 2025

Delroy L. Hemsath, 79 of Kearney passed away Monday, August 25, 2025 at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, NE. Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 29, 2025 at the Kearney First United Methodist Church with pastor Jo Ellen Axthelm officiating. A private family interment will follow at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery with military honors provided by the Nebraska National Guard Funeral Honors Team in Conjunction with the North Platte Funeral Honors Team.

Memorials are suggested to the East Lawn Food Pantry. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Delroy was born November 13, 1945 on the family farm near Milford, NE to Ludwig A. and Louise R. (Barth) Hemsath. He received his education from Milford High School. Delroy later attended the University of Nebraska Lincoln where he earned his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Agronomy. Delroy proudly served in the U.S. Army from July of 1968, until his honorable discharge in July of 1970. Upon returning home from Vietnam, Delroy was united in marriage to Alice Newton on August 15, 1970 in Ainsworth, NE.

Delroy worked as an instructor and Department Chair for the University of Nebraska School of Technology and Agriculture from 1972-1988. He later

worked at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture from 1989-2002. Delroy served as the Extension Educator for Frontier, Dakota, Dixon, and Thurston Counties from 2003 until his retirement.

He was an avid gardener and an active member of the Kearney First United Methodist Church where he was involved with the East Lawn Food Pantry. Delroy was a volunteer at the Frank Museum, Yanney Park and served as president of Soul Sisters and Mistery Garden Club. He was also an involved member of the American Legion and often spoke at Veterans Day ceremonies.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Alice Hemsath of Kearney; son Tim Hemsath of Omaha; daughter, Kristen (Marcus) Dunbar of Kearney; grandchildren, Sawyer Hemsath, Kelsie Dunbar and Ian Dunbar; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Delroy was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Donna Erb and Faye Luckert and Walter Hemsath.

Cemetery Details

Ansley Cemetery

Ansley, NE

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Very sorry to hear of Del's Passing. Always wanted to find him in Kearney but just didn't get it done. I enjoyed him as a roommate in college and going squirrel hunting for the supper meal. Very "common sense type of guy and one I have never forgot.*
Steve Bergstrom

Steve Bergstrom - September 01, 2025 at 01:28 PM

KP

“ *Del was an amazingly kind man. He gave to others until his last breath. Very giving of resources with others. His kindness will long be remembered. God rest his soul!*

Kathy Pierce - August 29, 2025 at 05:05 PM

MN

“ *Michael N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delroy L. Hemsath.*

Michael N. - August 28, 2025 at 11:15 PM

FH

“ *Del's later career for Nebraska Extension coincided with the start of my Extension career. Del and I did a lot of Extension programming together. One project we did together was tractor safety training in Wayne working with the local Deere dealer to bring out equipment for the kids to practice. I learned a lot from Del and always appreciated his kind calm manner. Although I was assigned official mentors by Extension, I have always felt Del was the best mentor I had in my early career. Thanks Del for all your support. F. John Hay*

F. John Hay - August 28, 2025 at 04:54 PM

DF

“Denise, Mike, Dave, Lindsay and families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Delroy L. Hemsath.



Denise, Mike, Dave, Lindsay and families - August 28, 2025 at 11:54 AM

DF

“Denise, Mike, Dave, Lindsay and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delroy L. Hemsath.

Denise, Mike, Dave, Lindsay and families - August 28, 2025 at 11:54 AM

JK

“John, Betty, Cammy, Cerby and Keith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Delroy L. Hemsath.



John, Betty, Cammy, Cerby and Keith - August 28, 2025 at 10:18 AM

JK

“John, Betty, Cammy, Cerby and Keith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delroy L. Hemsath.

John, Betty, Cammy, Cerby and Keith - August 28, 2025 at 10:18 AM

JT

“ Jeremy and Allison Towne purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Delroy L. Hemsath.



Jeremy and Allison Towne - August 27, 2025 at 09:13 AM

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Jeremy and Allison Towne - August 27, 2025 at 09:13 AM

BA

“ I am so sorry to hear the news of Del, my sympathy to you Alice and his family, he has been a wonderful gardener and plant mentor for me over the years, always reminding of that first hill of potatoes he has dug, the first crop of green beans, what kind of broccoli to plant, and this year hes been guiding me on my grape vines which i was going to tear out but after talking to del he told me u can trim them and take care of them dont give up, he also found a site to help me even further. Sure going to miss him and all he did, boy those gardens in heaven are sure going to get alot bigger and more beautiful.

birdie augustyn - August 26, 2025 at 11:31 PM