



## Earl W. Perales

December 28, 1926 - February 16, 2016

Earl W. Perales, 89, of Kearney, Ne. died of cancer on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at Mother Hull Home.

In accordance with his wishes, Mr. Perales was cremated and there will be no services. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is serving the family. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).

Earl Wilburn Perales was born on December 28, 1926, in Wichita Falls, TX, to Elton Howard and Onie Lee (Flippin) Perales.

He entered the United States Navy on February 24, 1945, at Casper, Wyoming, serving during WWII. He was honorably discharged on July 8, 1946, at Bremerton, Washington.

Earl was united in marriage to Betty June Eisenbarger on July 27, 1947, in Casper, Wyoming. The couple made their home in Casper where he worked as a carpenter until retirement in 1989 at which time they moved to Kearney. Earl loved fishing Wyoming streams, camping with his wife, children and grandchildren, playing his harmonicas with jammers at nursing homes. He enjoyed flying model airplanes, wood carving and gardening.

He was a member of First Christian Church of Casper for 42 years and First

Christian Church of Kearney since 1989. More recently he and Betty attend Faith United Methodist Church of Kearney. He was also a member of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Casper Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Betty J. Perales of Kearney; a son, Kenneth (Amy) Perales of Rosenberg, TX; two daughters, Becky (Jack) Wilkins of Kearney and Leslie (Andy) Norris of Walden, CO; three granddaughters, Lea Anne (Ed) Stefan of Cumming, IA; Jill (Tim) Tolleson of Dothan, AL, Kimberly (Miles) Maddux of Gibbon, NE, and two grandsons, Joe (Larisa) Wilkins of San Diego, CA and Richard (Elizabeth) Perales of Richmond, TX; and eleven great-grandchildren, Trevor, William, Samuel, Zackary and Peter Tolleson all of Dothan, AL; Matthew, Mark and Laura Stefan of Norwalk, IA; Richard L. and Emma Perales of Richmond, TX; Jackson Maddux of Gibbon, NE.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Burién Perales and three sisters, Stella Davies, Clara Williams and Nora Clark.

Memorials may be made to Faith United Methodist Church, 1623 Central Avenue, Kearney NE 68847.

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ I don't know if anyone will read this but I was told this morning about Betty's passing. I was looking her up and found this about Earl. I worked at St John's care home and these special people were my favorite volunteers!! We had such great times playing music for the residents! Earl was so much like my dad. Betty was sweet and soft spoken. We played for our wonderful Christmas party there, and regular sing-alongs. I have often wondered about them and feel bad I didn't seek them out to see them. They hold a special place in my heart!! Hope we can play music again in the heavenly choir!!  
Jacki Lewis

Jacki Lewis - May 05, 2023 at 02:18 PM

RW

Jacki, this is Becky Wilkins - Earl and Betty's daughter. I just came across this lovely note. Thank you for leaving it. It's so very nice to hear that Dad and Mom were special to you. Dad did so love playing his harmonica with you and the others. I did hear your name from them! You warmed my heart!

Rebecca Wilkins - September 14, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ Earl W. Perales

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM

RP

“ Eileen and I are so sorry about Earls passing, I have had many good times hunting and camping, fishing. Our prayers are with you and the kids May he rest in Peace. Love  
Ray&Eileen



ray d phillips - February 27, 2016 at 01:50 PM