



## Eugene W. Simpkins

October 15, 1938 - June 20, 2026

Eugene Simpkins, 87 of Kearney passed away Saturday, June 20, 2026 at Mount Carmel Home of Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at Countryside Christian Church in Kearney. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to Habitat for Humanity or Nebraska Game and Parks Youth Fishing Program. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Eugene was born October 15, 1938 in Lebanon, MO to Noel and Mable (Vincent) Simpkins. He was raised in York, NE and graduated from York High School. Eugene was united in marriage to Twyla Pinneo on January 21, 1957, in Seward, NE. The couple made their home in Kearney, NE. Hand in hand they owned and operated Grand Central IGA from 1969-2008.

Eugene was a long-time member of the First Christian Church where he served as a church Elder for many years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, golfing and collecting old cars. Eugene also enjoyed a daily dose of coffee and conversation.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Gene (Julie) Simpkins of Kearney, Dale Simpkins of Oregon, Lila Simpkins, Kathy (Mike) Shearer, and Jennifer Deboer all of Kearney; numerous grand and great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; twin sister, Geraldine Flack; brothers, Marvin Simpkins, Larry (Janet) Simpkins; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Eugene was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Twyla Simpkins; sons, Gary and Timmy Simpkins; daughter-in-law, Sheri Simpkins; sister, Beverly Radcliffe; and brothers-in-law, Bruce Flack and Virgil Pinneo; and nephew, Terry Buresh.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 233-3244

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
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## Funeral Service

JUN 24. 10:30 AM (CT)

Countryside Christian Church  
3203 8th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845