



Gary R. Bergstrom

September 20, 1953 - October 31, 2025

Gary Ray Bergstrom, 72, of Shelton, Nebraska passed from this world on October 31, 2025 after a brief battle with illness. A celebration of life service will be held at Shelton United Methodist Church on Friday, November 7, 2025 at 2:00 pm. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Minden Gun Club. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Born on September 20, 1953 in Greeley, Colorado, Gary was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and a friend to many. After growing up working on his family's dairy farm in Hudson, Colorado, he moved his family to St. Ansgar, Iowa in 1982 where he began farming before beginning work in carpentry. In 1993, he moved his family to Gibbon, Nebraska where he started his own construction company, Rafter GB Construction. His work in carpentry wasn't just a means of income, it was his way to teach his sons the value of hard work and the importance of treating people right.

While his retirement was short, it gave him the opportunity to reconnect with his life-long joy. Always a cowboy at heart, Gary loved working with cattle and greatly enjoyed the opportunity that a new friendship provided him...working

cattle in the open sandhills north of Burwell on the Broweleit Ranch, a passion he enjoyed sharing with his grandsons, Riley and Reid. Gary also enjoyed leatherworking, trapshooting, and fishing with his grandkids at Calamus Reservoir.

Gary is survived by his wife of 45 years, Kathreen Bergstrom; his children Gary Bergstrom Jr. (Jennifer) of Lincoln, Nebraska, Kacey Bergstrom (Shanna) of Gibbon, Nebraska, and Cody Bergstrom of Kearney, Nebraska; and his four grandchildren, Riley, Reid, Kristiana, and Garrett; his sister Jenny Cummings of Hudson, Colorado; niece, Breanne Cummings; aunt, Barbara Rodgers; Chelsie Bergstrom of Gibbon, Nebraska was also close to Gary's heart.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Deloris Bergstrom of Hudson, Colorado.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Shelton United Methodist Church
207 A Street
Shelton, NE 68876

Tribute Wall

FD

“ *Friends at DXP purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary R. Bergstrom.*



Friends at DXP - November 06, 2025 at 01:14 PM

NT

“ *Nathan & Desiree' Teahon purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gary R. Bergstrom.*



Nathan & Desiree' Teahon - November 06, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary R. Bergstrom.*



November 06, 2025 at 10:16 AM

JC

“ *Jenny and Cindy. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary R. Bergstrom.*

Jenny and Cindy. - November 05, 2025 at 09:41 PM

JC

“ Jenny and Cindy. purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Gary R. Bergstrom.



Jenny and Cindy. - November 05, 2025 at 09:41 PM

AD

“ American Foods Purchasing Dept. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary R. Bergstrom.

American Foods Purchasing Dept. - November 05, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Gary R. Bergstrom.



November 05, 2025 at 12:05 PM

TE

“ Tyler, Danielle, Rhett, Shelby, and Ethan purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gary R. Bergstrom.



Tyler, Danielle, Rhett, Shelby, and Ethan - November 05, 2025 at 09:48 AM

DH

“ Gary was a good neighbor and so helpful with errands and yard work. We appreciate the countless acts of kindness he did for Verl through the years.

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Don and Terri Hypse

Don Hypse - November 04, 2025 at 10:09 PM

FM

“ Fran Murr lit a candle in memory of Gary R. Bergstrom



Fran Murr - November 04, 2025 at 06:11 PM

FB

“ First Interstate Bank purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gary R. Bergstrom.



First Interstate Bank - November 04, 2025 at 04:41 PM

KM

“ I have had the privilege of working with Gary's son, Gary Jr., for close to two years now. Gary has shared so many wonderful, funny, heartfelt memories of the close bond he had with his father and brothers -- all I can offer is my warmest condolences a loving family in this tragic time. May Gary rest in peace and be with you always in spirit.
Warmest regards in a difficult time,
Kyle Morton

Kyle Morton - November 04, 2025 at 09:43 AM

SC

“ Prayers and love to your family.

Susan Chloupek - November 04, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary R. Bergstrom.



November 03, 2025 at 08:27 PM

RB

“ Gary was truly a friend to all! He will be missed greatly. We offer our sincere condolences and prayers to all his family.



Ryan and Amanda Brown - November 03, 2025 at 06:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gary R. Bergstrom.*



November 03, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary R. Bergstrom.*



November 03, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ *Gary will be missed, always enjoyed our visits and his work was second to none he took great pride in what he did. Jeff Murr*

Jeff Murr - November 03, 2025 at 11:33 AM