



## George O. Blocher

February 1, 1924 - March 16, 2019

George O. Blocher, 95  
Lincoln resident

George O. Blocher, 95, of Lincoln, formerly of Kearney, died Saturday, March 16, 2019 at The Windcrest on Van Dorn Assisted Living Facility. A family graveside service will be held at the Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Omaha. There will be no visitation.

George Orval Blocher was born February 1, 1924 in Clay County, NE to Orval and Leah (Fairley) Blocher. He was raised in Auburn, NE and was a 1941 graduate of Auburn High School. George earned his bachelor's degree from Peru State College, his master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado and his Doctorate in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. George served his country in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946, serving six months in Austria.

On September 2, 1945, George was united in marriage to Jeanne Mayer in Auburn, NE.

George spent 38 years in education. First as a teacher, then a professor at Kearney State College, and later as a Superintendent, before retiring in 1986.

George and Jeanne lived at Johnson Lake for several years. There they enjoyed the wildlife, bald eagles and pelicans. The couple later moved to Kearney in 2001. George enjoyed golfing and achieved a hole-in-one. He loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren. George also enjoyed photography and developing his own photos. He was a member of the Kearney First Christian Church.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Jeanne Blocher of Lincoln; his children, Susan Griess of Lincoln, Barry (Margie) Blocher of Oregon, Michael (Cheri) Blocher of Oakdale, Sally (Gary) Bernhardt of Omaha; grandchildren, Trent Pfeil, Ryan (Sheri) Pfeil of Lincoln, Brooke (Joe) Hartnett of Omaha, Brady (Dawn) Venema of Omaha, Erin Kaminker of Oregon; great grandchildren, Haley, Brianna and Austin Pfeil; Ellie, Isabelle and Joey Hartnett; Drake and Eden Venema; Sophia Kaminker; sister Naida Knudson of Aurora, CO; and brother Gerald Blocher of Hutchinson, KS.

George was preceded in death by his grandson, Chad Blocher.

Memorials are suggested to the Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA) Foundation, Peru State College, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and the American Red Cross.

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 of Kearney.

# Tribute Wall



“ *George O. Blocher*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *To Barry and Margie, This is April and I just found this sad news. Our condolences go to you and the rest of your family. I have lost all contact with you after losing Mom and Greg. It appears I owe you congratulations for becoming grandparents, also. In the last few years you have all crossed my mind many times please know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.*

*With deepest sincerity,  
Larry and Pam Fellows*

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**Larry Fellows** - April 08, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ *Jeanne,*

*The Nelson family was sad to hear about George's passing. We have a lot of fond memories with the Blocker family. You and George were very dear friends to my parents (Bill and Audrey) especially the years you spent together at Brentwood. You and your entire family are in our prayers!  
Randy and Jeanne Nelson*

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**Randy and Jeanne Nelson** - March 22, 2019 at 08:02 AM

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“ As a staff member of Windcrest,I really enjoyed taking care of Mr. and Mrs. Blocher,i have known them here for 3 years,enjoyed visits with them and hearing stories from the past.As his wife still lives here im looking forward to continuing care for her. My condolences to the Blocher family.

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**Roxane Briggs** - March 21, 2019 at 04:37 PM

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“ My condolences to the Blocher family. I delivered the Kearney Hub to their household for several years and knew the family well. Barry, Margie and I attended school together. I have the utmost respect for Dr. Blocher and was privileged to have gotten to know him and his family. Rest in peace.

*Charles Sizer*

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**Charles Sizer** - March 19, 2019 at 04:59 PM