



## Gerald "Jerry" Fuehrer

July 26, 1943 - March 12, 2014

Gerald "Jerry" L. Fuehrer, 70, of Kearney died Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:30 am, Monday, March 17, at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. The Rev. Gary Main will officiate. Interment will follow at 2:30 pm at the Sutton Cemetery in Sutton. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 pm, Sunday, March 16, at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. On-line condolences may be shared at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry was born July 26, 1943, in Orlando, Florida, to Edwin and Laurietta (Burbach) Fuehrer. He grew up in Sutton, Nebraska, and was a member of the Sutton Federated Church and also an active member of Boy Scouts of America, achieving the level of Eagle Scout. Jerry graduated from Sutton High School in 1961 and received his degree in electronic engineering from Southeast Community College in 1963. Jerry was first employed as an engineer at KNOP-TV in North Platte, Nebraska, moved to Channel 3 in Omaha, then returned to KNOP-TV in North Platte as chief engineer, a position he held from 1964-1968.

On September 20, 1969, Jerry was united in marriage to Linda Curren in Ogallala, Nebraska, and the couple made their home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Jerry worked for KCRG-TV as assistant chief engineer from 1968-

1979. For the next 35 years, from 1979 to the time of his death, Jerry served as Chief Engineer for Pappas Telecasting and NTV Network. He was also co-owner of the family business, Fuehrer's Cheespred, made in his hometown of Sutton.

Jerry entered the National Guard in 1964, honorably discharged in 1969. He was a member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers, the Sutton Chapter of American Legion, and the American Radio Relay League, maintaining a ham-radio license since high school. His hobbies included reading mysteries; watching TV documentaries, specifically of the WWII era; listening to 1950s-1960s music; visiting with neighbors and co-workers, spending time in his home electronics shop; and enjoying the company of the household pets, Alyssum and June.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Fuehrer of Kearney; daughter, Sasha Elizabeth Conrad of Kearney; sister, Dee Fuehrer of Lincoln; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Kenneth and Elaine Curren of Minden; nephew, Scott Worster of Austin, Texas. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald "Jerry" Fuehrer*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I had the privilege to get to know Jerry through his profession as a TV Broadcast Engineer. I am with Precision Communications out of Grove, OK and our company worked with him on various tower projects over the years. I have always had the highest respect and admiration for his work ethics and professionalism. My sincere sympathy and condolences to Jerry's family and loved ones.*

*Karen Kyman  
Precision Communications, Inc.*

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**Karen Kyman** - April 12, 2014 at 09:51 AM



“ *As you know, I love your entire family and pray God's love and peace and support now and in the days ahead. As my Mom might have said, "I'll miss 'Larry'." We all shared a good laugh when she called him that, and he enjoyed it most of all. It's been a long time since KCRG, but our friendship continues and I hold you all in my prayers. Love, Mary T.*

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**Mary Taylor** - March 27, 2014 at 05:22 PM

RK

“ I have so many good words to describe Jerry - but one in particular leaps out at me - INTEGRITY. Jerry was a man of integrity. His word was his bond. You cannot help but respect and love a man who is proud enough to be himself. Like all of you ... I miss him already!

*Ralph King  
Comprompter, Inc.*

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**Ralph King** - March 19, 2014 at 09:41 AM

VR

“ Our deepest condolences for Jerry's family, friends and coworkers. He was patience and kind. I didn't have the honor to meet him in person but just the fact of his kindness and exquisite way to address to others gave us the opportunity to perceived the good man he was. God's will behaves in mysterious ways. We are grateful of God's love. Jerry will be missed. Vailma Roca from Miami, FL

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**Vailma Roca** - March 19, 2014 at 04:59 AM

RM

“ Donald wanted me to send a memory of Jerry, which donald can send rite now. He will dearly be missed. It was great working with him everyday in mc. I am surprised that he left the world so soon.

*From Donald Mortimore, typed by Don's family*

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**Rita Mortimore** - March 17, 2014 at 05:08 AM

VD

“ Our sympathies to the Fuehrer family. Jerry and I were room mates at SECC fifty years ago

*Val and Blanche Dworak Seward Ne*

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**val dworak** - March 16, 2014 at 09:58 PM

JH

“ Jerry was a kind and wonderful friend. I can think of no one who was a even keeled, light hearted and a joy to talk to. We spoke recently and he was upbeat and very uplifting to me. I will miss him very much. I cannot imagine not speaking with him again.... My condolences.

*Matthew 11:28*

*Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

*Blessings,*

*Jim Heard, Chicago, IL*

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**James Heard** - March 15, 2014 at 11:12 PM

DS

“ *May the memories of Jerry help you find peace - Duane Schroeder and Family*

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**Duane Schroeder** - March 15, 2014 at 11:42 AM

RG

“ We meet many and all kinds of people through our journey of life with some staying memorable and others drifting away. Jerry is one of those I have never forgotten and would sometimes think about wondering how he was doing. Jerry and I began working at NTV at the same time in 1980. I left Kearney in 1985 and never had face to face contact again with Jerry. However, when I returned to Kearney in 2002, I did send a note to him and knew he would remember who I was because that is who Jerry was. Always kindness and a lot of patience that matched his wife, Linda. My heart goes out to Linda and the family and God, this one won't need much in heaven because he was a special person and sounds like to many persons. God Bless to the Fuehrer family.

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**Robin Overton Gibreal** - March 15, 2014 at 09:46 AM

GJ

“ I worked for Jerry for over 30 years what a great friend and mentor. I will miss you. My prayers for Linda and family. God Bless you Jerry.

Gary Jezbera

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**Gary Jezbera** - March 14, 2014 at 07:59 PM

LB

“ My husband is the General Manager of NTV. I have met Jerry numerous times during my trips to Nebraska. He was a kind man with a warm heart and soul. My husband respected him and was always speaking volumes about his legacy and service to NTV. I pray for his wife, family, and work family. Jerry could solve problems with rubber bands, glue, bobbie pins, and tape. That wealth of knowledge was invaluable. May his spirit live within all that knew him.

*Linda Barresi  
Winter Park, FL.*

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**Linda Barresi** - March 14, 2014 at 07:31 PM

CB

“ I had the opportunity of meeting Jerry a few times while visiting my dad in Nebraska. I remember he gave my sister and I a tour of the station when we visited NTV. I remember him being a kind man with a passion for his job. My dad also always spoke volumes about his good heart and phenomenal dedication to NTV. God rest his soul. Prayers to his family and friends.

*Curtis Barresi  
Orlando, FL.*

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**Curtis Barresi** - March 14, 2014 at 06:53 PM

AS

“ I worked with Jerry at the NTV Station several years ago. I remember him as a kind, yet assertive guy, very proficient and articulate, and I was always appreciative of his dry and quiet humor. I am sad to hear of his passing and send my thoughts and prayers to his beloved family at this sad time.

*Amy Cross Shadley*

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**Amy Shadley** - March 14, 2014 at 12:32 PM

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*Jerry was a childhood friend of mine growing up together in Sutton, Nebraska. Although we lost contact with one another in our adult lives, whenever we saw each other we would always recount the joy we had as kids and reminisce about those memorable days we spent in the old neighborhood. I can imagine Jerry was a great man to work with and I'm certain NTV lost not only a dedicated professional, but a beloved colleague and friend. I'm deeply sorry to hear of my old friend's death. God bless you Jerry.*

*Ted Griess  
Minden, NE*

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**Ted Griess** - March 14, 2014 at 11:26 AM



“ *In August of 1987, I went to a garage sale with my mom and dad. And by the end of the day I had a job at NTV. Jerry was my boss there for four years. While my career path left broadcasting, I have never forgot some of the lessons I learned from him. Over twenty years later, he is still in the top three for best supervisors I've had. My thoughts and prayers are with Linda and the family. He will be missed.*

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**Lisa Anderson** - March 14, 2014 at 10:56 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Fuehrer.*



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March 14, 2014 at 08:37 AM

VM

“ *Linda and Tracy, i was so shocked to hear of Jerry's passing, you have my deepest sympathy dear friend.* ”



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**vivian mcdorman** - March 14, 2014 at 06:17 AM

DG

“ *I worked with Jerry for 20 years, he was always friendly to me.* ”

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**David Gunderson** - March 14, 2014 at 01:19 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Fuehrer.* ”



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March 14, 2014 at 12:05 AM

KB

“ I talked to Jerry every day. After my accident he supported me beyond the ordinary. That's because Jerry cared. Always a smile, a good word and a positive attitude gaining the respect of all through kindness. I'll miss our talks about the technology we both worked with throughout the years. Processing, editing and shooting with 16 mm film, quad, carts and 3/4" tape. Both of us wishing it was still around but kind of glad it wasn't. He was one of a kind and will never be replaced. I walked by his office door the other day and by habit looked to see if he was busy or had time to step out back for some breathing therapy. His smile always gave me comfort and I pray some day I will have the honor to be greeted with that smile again. My sincere sympathy to you Linda, Elizabeth, Dee and your entire family. All our best Kent & Lori Boughton and Family.

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**Kent Boughton** - March 13, 2014 at 10:53 PM

DP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Fuehrer family. I am so sorry for your loss. I had the privilege to get to know Jerry via phone and emails when I started working at the Pappas corporate office in California this past year.

Unfortunately, I didn't have the honor of being able to personally shake the hand of the man who always went above and beyond to help others. Thankfully, I was able to express to him what a joy it was to work with him and how grateful I was for everything he taught me. He had the type of personality that made me feel like I've known him for years. He is greatly missed.

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**Debra Pelaiz** - March 13, 2014 at 10:11 PM

DN

“ We will miss you Jerry. It seems like you and I were just in your office discussing some project or another and the possible ways to do it. We made it through many successful projects together. The Nau family sends thoughts and prayers to Linda and family.

Dallas Nau  
NTV (06-14)

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Dallas Nau - March 13, 2014 at 09:46 PM

DS

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Jerry was a good friend and I always enjoyed working with him. He was a wonderful leader and I respected him greatly. Please accept my sincere sympathy.  
Dale Scherbring

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Dale Scherbring - March 13, 2014 at 09:34 PM

SG

“ Very sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. A very intelligent broadcast engineer and always a joy to communicate with regarding technology. Our thoughts are with the family and keep you in our prayers.

Scott Guthrie  
Chief Engineer  
UNL Athletics HuskerVision



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scott guthrie - March 13, 2014 at 08:22 PM

MW

“ *Marcia Weiss lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Fuehrer*



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**Marcia Weiss** - March 13, 2014 at 06:24 PM

CG

“ *I worked with Jerry starting in 1997. I would talk to him every year at NAB in Las Vegas and saw him for the last time a year ago when we put the new computer system in Kearney. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. What a wonderful man.*

*Connie Gibson  
Comprompter, Inc*

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**Connie Gibson** - March 13, 2014 at 04:31 PM

RZ

“ *I worked with Jerry in the early 70s. My thoughts are with you, Linda and family. I remember him as a responsible, caring and good man. I'm sure he will be missed. I'll be praying for peace and safety for the family. Take care. -Ron Zachariasen*

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**Ron Zachariasen** - March 13, 2014 at 12:54 PM

BJ

“ *K0FSC/SK - I'm glad to have "Worked Jerry on the bands" over the years. So sorry to hear he is now a Silent Key.*

*73, OM. de KB0HAW*

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**Bart Jones** - March 13, 2014 at 12:22 PM

BE

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the Fuehrer family. Bob Eastwood*

**Bob Easwood** - March 13, 2014 at 10:29 AM

JM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Fuehrer Family. I had the pleasure of getting to know Jerry when I joined the corporate office at Pappas Telecasting Companies four years ago. Although I never met Jerry in person, I enjoyed many conversations with him over the phone. He was a thoughtful, kind, and generous person. Jerry made this world a better place and he will be missed. May his family find comfort and peace knowing he is in a much better place. My sincere sympathy.*

*Janet Moore  
Pappas Telecasting Companies*

**Janet Moore** - March 13, 2014 at 09:57 AM

JM

“ *Janet Moore lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Fuehrer*



**Janet Moore** - March 13, 2014 at 09:46 AM

MV

“ Our prayers are with you Linda and your family from all of us at Spirit Catholic Radio. Jerry has and always will be a great friend to us and will be missed by many. May the Lord bless and comfort you during this time.

Mark H Voris  
Chief Engineer-Spirit Catholic Radio of Nebraska

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Mark H Voris - March 13, 2014 at 09:09 AM

DO

“ Are thoughts are with you & your family and friends during this time of sorrow, Jerry will be missed by many who knew and and worked with him threw out the years.He could make life a wonderful thing at home & work.We are glad to have known Jerry.I guess you can say we have to share him with Gods family now. Dave & Janelle Ohmstede

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Dave & Janelle Ohmstede - March 12, 2014 at 11:24 PM

DO

“ Dave & Janelle Ohmstede lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Fuehrer



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Dave & Janelle Ohmstede - March 12, 2014 at 11:16 PM

TD

“ I worked with Jerry at NTV in the early 1980's, and I want to send my deepest sympathies to Linda and her family. Jerry was a wonderful man to work with, and a great person to be around. I send love and hugs to Linda.

*Tom Disinger*

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**Thomas Disinger** - March 12, 2014 at 07:30 PM

SR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. He was a very special man and will be missed by many. He will always be alive in our memories. Sharon Rose and Family.

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**Sharon Rose** - March 12, 2014 at 12:58 PM

JA

*Jerry and I started our work at NTV the same year, 1980 and it was a pleasure to work with someone with his work ethic and enthusiasm to see a project to its end. I was the news director and often my department worked with equipment that wasn't always "state-of-the-art." Jerry could always keep the dying patients alive through his magical CPR techniques known only to the best of engineers. I send Linda and the family my very best wishes and pray for your comfort through this extremely difficult time. God bless you.*

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**John Adams** - March 13, 2014 at 08:50 AM