



Gerald "Jerry" Just

December 3, 1926 - August 10, 2014

Gerald "JJ" Just, 87
Elm Creek resident

Gerald "JJ" Just, 87 of Elm Creek, died Sunday, August 10, 2014 at the St. John Good Samaritan Center in Kearney. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 14, 2014 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elm Creek with the Rev. Alex Borzych officiating. Burial will follow at Prairie Home Cemetery in Holdrege. Visitation will be 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday followed by a vigil/prayer service beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the church. .

Gerald Stephen Just was born December 3, 1926 in Kearney, Nebraska to Stephen and Stella (Olson) Just. He received his education from Districts 47 & 35, Odessa and Elm Creek. Jerry later earned his G.E.D. while in the military. He entered into the U.S. Army on April 4, 1945 and was honorably discharged on December 30, 1946. After his time in the military, JJ returned home to farm. He was united in marriage to Arlene Martinson on February 12, 1949. They had two sons together. Arlene died August 12, 1988 after 38 years of marriage. On March 30, 1990, Jerry was united in marriage to Carolyn (Janc) Synowski.

JJ was a member of the Holdrege V.F.W and American Legion, Kearney Eagle's Club, The Liederkrantz and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Elm Creek. He also served as the Past State President and Exalted Ruler of the Holdrege Elks Club and on the Agri-Coop Board. JJ enjoyed dancing and traveling.

JJ is survived by his wife, Carolyn Just of Elm Creek; sons, Mike Just of Funk, NE; Stephen Just of Funk, NE; step-sons, Bob Synowski of St. Paul; Ron Synowski of St. Paul; Rhonda Synowski of St. Paul; Robyn McCann and husband, Mike of Kearney; Becky Hoos and husband, Jeff of Grand Island; and daughter-in-law, Jackie Synowski of St. Paul; grandchildren, Amie Just, Hannah Just, Spencer Synowski, Jacob McCann, Cody Hamilton, Kassandra Synowski, Callie Hamilton, Jaime McCann and Taylor Hoos; great grandchild, Raegan Synowski; sister-in-law, Janine Just of Killeen, TX; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Arlene; brothers, Dale and Robert Just; sister, LaDonna Brame; brother-in-law Ernie Brame; and grandson, Stetson Hoos.

Memorials are suggested to the Holdrege Senior Center, Immaculate Conception Church, Elm Creek Fire and Rescue Department or donor's choice. Condolences may be shared at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Home Cemetery

2515 18th Avenue
Holdrege, NE

Previous Events

Vigil / Prayer Service

AUG 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Elm Creek, NE 68836

Visitation

AUG 13. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald "Jerry" Just*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Mike & Steve,
So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I cherish the laughs and
orneriness of Jerry, Bish, and Orville back when my folks owned
Beaver Creek. May your dad live on in your memories and the
stories of him.
Dawn Miller*

Dawn Miller - August 19, 2014 at 09:55 AM



“ *I am sorry for the loss of your Dad. I knew both Jerry and Arlene
from way back when I worked for the County Extension Office. You
should have some good memories of him. Steve, it was good to see
you when you stopped in when you were in Florida. Take care and
always remember the memories. Rogene Lilyhorn Daharsh, Merritt
Island, Florida*

Rogene Daharsh - August 14, 2014 at 10:16 AM



“ *Carolyn and family, we are sorry to hear about JJ, you two were so
wonderful for each other. I remember when you first met and how
you danced. We were with you one time in Kearney, was it at the
Eagles club or one of them. Where did the years go? We are so
happy you had each other this long, you made many memories.
Love you, Jim and Kathy*

Jim and Kathy Leschinsky - August 12, 2014 at 08:56 PM

MT

“ *Mike and Steve*

We were sorry to hear of the passing of your father. He had a very unique sense of humor and will be missed.

Mike and Lais Tracy

Mike & Lais Tracy - August 12, 2014 at 05:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Just.*



August 12, 2014 at 08:39 AM

CT

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



Candie Tenopir - August 12, 2014 at 01:44 AM

DN

“ *Steve You and your family have my sympathy. From Dan Nelson*

Dan Nelson - August 11, 2014 at 09:10 PM

JC

The members and the staff at the Grand Island Veterans Home would like to extend deep sympathies to the family of Gerald Just. Gerald was a wonderful supporter of the Veterans living at the Grand Island Veterans Home. For many years, each Christmas Gerald would make special monetary donations so that members could enjoy special meals from restaurants in town. Such a kind giving person, Rest in Peace Mr. Just.

Joanne Badura - Volunteer Coordinator - August 14, 2014 at 01:48 PM