



Harlan L. Simmerman

January 30, 1936 - May 22, 2026

Harlan L. Simmerman, 90, of Elm Creek passed away Friday, May 22, 2026 at Country House Assisted Living in Grand Island. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Interment will follow at Elm Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to the Elm Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Harlan was born January 30, 1936 in Proctor, CO to Delbert R. and Lora F. (Fellows) Simmerman. He was raised in Elm Creek and was a 1955 graduate of Elm Creek High School. On June 14, 1959, Harlan was united in marriage to Kay L. Cross at the Overton United Methodist Church. Harlan worked 17 years for Farm and Home Services and later worked 32 years as the Utility Supervisor for the Village of Elm Creek.

Harlan was a longtime member of the Elm Creek Christian Church and the Elm Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, James (Stacy) Simmerman of Grand Island, Brian (Kris) Simmerman of Clay Center, NE and Kevin (Cathy)

Simmerman of Spring Hill, KS; grandchildren, Logan (Taylor) Simmerman, Baillie Simmerman, Morgan Powell, Mason Powell, Mitchell (Megan) Powell, Wyatt (Faith) Simmerman, Erin Simmerman, Jaxson (Natalie) Simmerman; great grandchildren, Barrett and Rex Simmerman and Aubrielle and Kenneth Simmerman; sister, Ardis Refior of Elm Creek; sisters-in-law, Mrytle Simmerman of Overton and Janet Gibson of Pensacola, FL; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Harlan was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Kay Simmerman; sisters, Wilma Jean (Bill) Keep and Wanda June (Dean) Cruise; brothers, Wayne (Phyllis) Simmerman and Dick Simmerman; brothers-in-law, Don Refior and Tom Gibson.

Cemetery Details

Elm Creek Cemetery

5100 52nd Road
Elm Creek, NE 68836

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 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

MAY 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harlan L. Simmerman



O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations - June 01 at 03:39 PM

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“ Katie, Bryan, Casey and the BVW team. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harlan L. Simmerman.



Katie, Bryan, Casey and the BVW team. - May 25 at 09:42 AM

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“ Oh my so sorry to hear this!! Harlan was a treasure !! Such a special Man we enjoyed his many visits into Redman's Shoes. And it didn't matter where I saw Harlan he always had a smile and a good story for me. Prayers to you all!! He is back where I know he's happy to be with your Mom!! Blessings to you all. He will be missed 🙏
Tanya Beavers Schleiger

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