



## Harland V. Pankratz

March 22, 1924 - December 31, 2014

Harland V. Pankratz, 90  
Kearney resident

Harland V. Pankratz, 90, of Kearney, died Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at CHI Health Good Samaritan in Kearney. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 3, 2015 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to the S.A.F.E. Center. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Harland V. Pankratz was born March 22, 1924 in Henderson, NE to Peter F. and Bertha (Smith) Pankratz. He grew up on a farm in Hamilton County and graduated from Bradshaw High School. Harland later earned his Bachelor's Degree from Bethel College in Newton, KS and his Master's Degree from the University of Kansas – Emporia State in Emporia, KS. On August 11, 1950, Harland was united in marriage to Florence Pankratz in Buhler, KS. He was a Professor of Biology and Environmentalist for Wayne State College in Wayne, NE from 1963 until his retirement in 1988. The couple moved to Kearney in 1993. Harland enjoyed woodworking, wildflower photography and genealogy. He was a member of the Kearney First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his daughters, Jean Aubol and her husband, Duaine of

Litchfield, MN, Kay Liibbe of Kearney; grandchildren, Elizabeth Ring, Joshua (Rachel) Ring, Holly Liibbe and Zachary (Laura) Liibbe; great grandchildren, Kiera and Colin Ring; sisters, Cleola Franz and Allegra Gunn and husband, Owen all of Henderson, NE, as well as, several nieces and nephews. Harland was preceded in death by his parents; wife and 2 sisters.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Harland V. Pankratz*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dear Jean, Kay, and family,*

*So sorry we were unable to attend Harland's funeral. Somehow we didn't get the information until after it was over. But our thoughts and prayers have certainly been with you. Harland was a very special uncle. I loved his insight, humor, and laugh. And he was so faithful in coming to see Mom even when I know it was difficult. How she enjoyed his visits.*

*Sadly much of the family's history went in his passing, and how, regretful, I put off sitting down with him so many times just to talk on that subject. He will be greatly missed.*

*Please do keep in touch. Much love, Stan and Karren Boehr*

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**Karren Boehr** - January 05, 2015 at 06:48 PM

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“ To Harland's family:

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Harland was a very dear friend and We shall miss him very much. Soon after we arrived in Kearney in 2005, we met Harland through the church and then at Thursday morning bible study.*

*We shared a common wood working hobby and this led to a number of years of "Tuesday Mornings" -- building and repair projects at FUMC as well as time spent together in his fine shop or mine. We shopped for tools that we really didn't need but sure looked like we ought to have and he kept me up to date through Wood Magazine. He was very meticulous in his work and he helped to get me slow down and enjoy the project as well as the results.*

*Harland lived his devout Christian faith and we spent many hours of discussion and I treasured his sharing his views and council.*

*I will miss our Tuesday morning coffee but treasure the way Harland touched my life.*

*Sincerely. Al & Carma Edwards.*

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**Al Edwards** - January 02, 2015 at 03:31 PM