



## James Gard

September 25, 1934 - June 30, 2011

James Gard Kearney resident James V. Gard, 77 of Kearney died Thursday, June 30, 2011 at the Gibbon Good Samaritan Home. Graveside services will be 10:30 A.M. Tuesday at the Gibbon Cemetery with Rev. Cathy Cole officiating. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Online condolences may be submitted at [www.osafh.com](http://www.osafh.com). Arrangements entrusted to O'Brien-Straatmann Funeral Home of Kearney. James Vern Gard was born September 25, 1934 in Kearney, Nebraska to Vern and Verna (Kelsey) Gard. He was a 1952 graduate of Kearney High School. On March 5, 1954, James was united in marriage to Carolyn Blanchard in Grand Island, Nebraska. For several years he served as a brick tender at Kearney State College and as a brick layer in Lincoln. He was a wonderful builder as can be seen from the additions on his house and garage. Jim could fix anything and was always there to lend a helping hand. James worked at Eaton Corporation in the computer lathe department for 19 years retiring in 1994. He was active as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader for several years. James served as a Trustee at Presbyterian Church and on the Community Council. He earned his private pilot's license in 1984. James loved all animals, especially his dogs. Jim always put his family before anything or anyone. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Gard of Kearney; daughter, Rebecca Burns and her husband, Todd of College Station, TX; sons, David Gard and his partner, Lorrie Foster of Gibbon, Randy Gard and his wife, Vicki of Grand Island, Rusty Gard and his wife, Decca of Fort Worth, TX; 12 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren;

sisters, Carol Sanders and her husband, Sid of Kearney, Virginia Wattles and her husband, George. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Marilyn Wattles and a daughter-in-law, Sharon Gard.

# Tribute Wall



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