



Jerry L. Crawford

August 30, 1939 - September 2, 2017

Jerry L. Crawford, 78, of Kearney, died Saturday, September 2, 2017 at Good Samaritan Society - St. John's.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 am Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. The Reverend Dean Pofahl will officiate. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Wednesday at the funeral home. Following services Mr. Crawford will be cremated. Inurnment of ashes will be at 10:30 am Friday at Kearney Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to Kearney Tackles Cancer. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Jerry Lee Crawford was born on August 30, 1939 in Red Cloud, Nebraska to Charles and Verna (Pate) Crawford. He grew up in Red Cloud and graduated from Red Cloud High School in 1957. Following graduation, he moved to Colorado where he worked for a farmer.

He entered the United States Army in 1959 and served as Military Police until his honorable discharge in 1962. Following his discharge, he worked for the Kreutz farm in Giltner, Nebraska.

Jerry was united in marriage to Mary Cash on March 16, 1963. The couple

made their home in Shelton where he served as the Chief of Police from 1964-1967. From 1967 to 1975 he served as the Buffalo County Sheriff Chief Deputy. He was an investigator for the Buffalo County Attorney Office from 1975 until his retirement from law enforcement in 1987. He later managed Westside Gas Station and worked for T & F Sand and Gravel, Coleman's and L & S Industries.

Jerry enjoyed team roping, playing golf and traveling. One of his fondest memories was playing football and being in Business Law Class with all the girls. Whenever someone needed a ride, to anywhere, Jerry was always available to be their driver. He always looked forward to his coffee with his friends at Bob's Superstore and later Thirsty's. Most of all, Jerry loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of Kearney; his children, Cynthia Peterson and husband Dan of McCook, Troy Crawford and wife Patty of Kearney, Tracy Hixon and special friend Brian Nielson of McCook, Shelley Crawford and husband Doug Hartner of Randolph and Marci Day and husband Jess of Amherst; 25 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; two brothers, Alvin Crawford and wife Jeneane of Minden and Jim Crawford and wife Eva of Mullen; three sisters, Marge Hardy of Seneca, NE, Sharon Pritts of Kearney and Keron Bailey of Guide Rock; and several nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Jerrlyn LeSueur; a grandson, Justin Peterson; and a sister Patricia Higby.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

SEP 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kearney Cemetery
4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry L. Crawford*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *When I came to Kearney in May of 1979 to join the Buffalo County Attorney's Office, Jerry was the Investigator and Liaison Officer for the office. We worked together for 6 years and I lost count of the number of times he pulled me out of a mess or kept me from doing something really stupid. At the service today, we heard a lot about the grandpa who was the joker and the story teller and friend to everyone. This is all true. What wasn't mentioned was the fact that Jerry was smart.....real smart. He had an intuition about people that was amazing and a nasty habit of being right about things in dispute. He was very streetwise and had a way of getting through to people that I have always envied. Finally, I can say that in addition to his wisdom, he was a man of great integrity and civility. I learned a great deal from him. It was a true privilege to know Jerry as I did.*

*Best wishes to the Family,
Charley Brewster*

Charles Brewster - September 07, 2017 at 03:20 PM



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Micah - October 03, 2022 at 12:35 PM

FM

“ *Fran Murr lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Crawford*



fran murr - September 06, 2017 at 10:51 AM

FM

Jerry will be missed! I always enjoyed our chats

fran murr - September 06, 2017 at 10:52 AM

FM

“ *Fran Murr sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry L. Crawford*



fran murr - September 06, 2017 at 10:50 AM

SM

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Jerry. The family is in my thoughts and prayers. Sue Meline*

Sue Meline - September 06, 2017 at 08:28 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Crawford.*



September 05, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Crawford.



September 05, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ *"Trane" employees purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jerry L. Crawford.



"Trane" employees - September 05, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Crawford.



September 05, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ *Some great times were had when I came down to Kearney to visit Tracy, and always got to see her parents! Thinking of all your family during this time. Love sent your way!*
Terrie & Melin Youngberg

Terrie Youngberg - September 04, 2017 at 10:01 PM



“ *Sandy Moberg lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Crawford*



Sandy Moberg - September 04, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ *Kim I Throckmorton lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Crawford*



Kim I Throckmorton - September 04, 2017 at 06:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Crawford.*



September 04, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ *Marci and family, I am so sorry for your lost. You are in my prayers. I know the hurt all too well. God bless.*



Misty Hargraves - September 04, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ Sharon Green lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Crawford



Sharon Green - September 04, 2017 at 12:22 PM

LD

“ I had the privilege of meeting Jerry at St Johns! Jerry and his family will forever have a place in my heart!



Laurie DeHaan - September 04, 2017 at 08:40 AM

LC

“ Lynn Carlson lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Crawford



Lynn Carlson - September 03, 2017 at 09:25 PM

TR

I want to Thank Everyone.. He is a Wonderful Man.. And will be missed by many..

Tracy - September 14, 2017 at 10:07 PM