



## Jerry Grassmeyer

March 19, 1922 - May 5, 2020

Fredrick Jerome “Jerry” Grassmeyer of Kearney passed away at Mount Carmel Home on May 5, 2020 at age 98. A private family committal service will be held at the First Lutheran Church Columbarium in Kearney. Memorial services will be held at First Lutheran Church at a later date.

The family encourages everyone to please leave a message of condolence through the funeral home website at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com) or send cards/memorials to the family, care of O’Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home, 4115 Ave N, Kearney, NE 68847.

Jerry was born March 19, 1922, graduated from Riverdale High School in 1939 and farmed in the Riverdale area for many years. He had a love of baseball, played for the Kearney Irishmen in the Nebraska Independent League and tried out for the St. Louis Cardinals in the days of Branch Rickey. He served on the Rural Fire Department, Riverdale School Board, First Lutheran Church Council, was a little league baseball coach and was instrumental in getting lights for the Riverdale ball field. In his later years, he enjoyed wood carving, making many memorable carved figures for family and friends. Family was most important to him.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Maxine (Jarosz) of 66 years. They were married at Zion Lutheran Church in Kearney, Nebraska on April 19, 1954.

Other survivors include his sons, Dan (Kathy) of Thornton, Colorado, Jim (Eileen) of Fremont; daughter, Jan (Russ) McLandsborough of Overland Park, Kansas, grandchildren Emily (Ryan) Morrison, Brady (Sara) Grassmeyer and Riley Grassmeyer all of Denver, Colorado, Jeffry (Abby) Grassmeyer of Des Moines, Iowa, Justin (Chelsea) Grasssmeyer, Michael Grassmeyer and Max (Kendall) Grassmeyer, all of Omaha, Maggie McLandsborough & Sam Findlay of Studio City, California, Andy McLandsborough of Overland Park, Kansas; great granddaughters, Mara, June and Vera; and sister-in-law, Lucille Grassmeyer of Lexington.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Grover C. Grassmeyer; his mother, Rose (Daake) Grassmeyer; sister, Dorothea June Pratt; and brothers, Raymond L. Grassmeyer and Leland G. Grassmeyer.

Memorials are suggested to First Lutheran Church, Kearney, Nebraska.

Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services of Kearney.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Grassmeyer*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. My thoughts and prayers to all of you. Vicki Bissell*

**Vicki Bissell** - May 10, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad, Dan. I will always remember him and your Mom, too - serving so Faithfully at First Lutheran. And always with a welcoming smile. Our condolences to you all. Lucinda Wilken Mays*

**Lucinda Mays** - May 10, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to you upon the loss of your dad, Dan. I have known your dad and your family for a long time as we grew up at First Lutheran together. My dad, Vernon Swanson, and your dad enjoyed lots of golf games together at Buffalo Ridge, too. I am so sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Marcia Swanson Nelson*

**Marcia Nelson** - May 09, 2020 at 08:39 PM



“ *I send my deepest condolences on the passing of Jerry. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Best wishes. Sincerely, Jim Rundstrom*

**Jim Rundstrom** - May 09, 2020 at 07:11 PM

JM

“ The passing of Jerry Grassmeyer is the passing of one of Riverdale's great community pillar. A great baseball coach with a heart of gold. One summer when I was home recovering from my adnoid surgery I finally woke up after the anesthetic wore off and found a brand new Louisville Slugger Bat on the bed spread. I knew immediately who it was from - Jerry Grassmeyer.

And yes it was Jerry who finally got lights for the Riverdale Ball Diamond. He was on the school board with Dad and Bryce Erickson and somehow between the school board and the town board he was able to finally get lights for the ball park.

He was a Triple A pro baseball player and probably still holds the title of Riverdale's best athlete. Rest in Peace coach.

*Jerry Maul*

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**Jerry Maul** - May 09, 2020 at 12:17 AM

MS

“ Jan, thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. So sorry for your loss.  
With sympathy,

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**Michelle Stortz** - May 08, 2020 at 03:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Grassmeyer.



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May 08, 2020 at 08:58 AM

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“ So sorry to hear this sad news, Dan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*Our Condolences,*

*Randy, Bonita, Brendan, Lauren, and Evan Enochs*

*New York City*

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**Randy D Enochs** - May 07, 2020 at 07:37 PM

KO

“ I enjoyed knowing Jerry through the years he golfed at Buffalo Ridge. Those "old guys" were the best! My sympathy to the family.

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**Kathryn Olsufka** - May 07, 2020 at 06:36 PM