



## Jerry Lee Kohler

July 5, 1947 - October 25, 2025

Jerry Lee Kohler, 78 of Kearney passed away Saturday, October 25, 2025 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 3, 2025 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. Inurnment will follow at the Nebraska Veteran's Cemetery in Grand Island.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Jerry was born July 5, 1947 in Ogallala, NE to William and Katherine (Strong) Kohler. He was raised near Roscoe, NE and was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Kearney, NE on June 13, 1974. Jerry received his education from Ogallala High School and later graduated from Kearney State College with a Bachelor of Science degree. He proudly served in the U.S. Army from October of 1966 until his honorable discharge in October of 1969. Jerry was a longtime employee of Baldwin Filters, retiring after 40 years of employment.

Jerry was an avid Nebraska Cornhusker and NFL football fan. He enjoyed woodworking and Mexican Food.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons, Jeff (Rachel) Kohler of Kearney and

Greg Kohler of Axtell; granddaughter, Faith Kohler of Kearney; siblings, Mary Alice (Rodney) Nickel, Dennis (Barb) Kohler, and Dan (Teri) Kohler; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Bob Kohler, Richard Kohler, Kenneth Kohler, Jeannette Waterman; and niece, Amy Ray Kohler.

# Cemetery Details

## Nebraska Veterans Cemetery

3270 W. Capitol Avenue  
Grand Island, NE 68803

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
3315 11th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall

DF

“ Jerry was our neighbor and good friend. He was always jolly even though his health was giving him problems. What a kind thoughtful man. The world would be a better place is we had more people like him. RIP Jerry, we will miss you.

Dennis & LaVonne Fries - November 03, 2025 at 09:09 PM

DL

“ My condolences on the passing of Jerry. I had many early morning breakfasts with him at Perkins and at the Odessa Truck Stop. He was a perfectionist in terms of taking care of his home and the vehicles he drove. We had many discussions on proper maintenance of trucks, cars, and lawn mowers. He was a reliable employee at Baldwin and was very successful as shown by his 40 years of service. He will be missed. Dick

Dick Lebsack - October 31, 2025 at 11:08 PM

BA

“ Jerry was always a jolly guy, worked with him for years.

BETTY ARNOLD - October 29, 2025 at 09:25 PM

GW

“ Gary Welty lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Kohler



Gary Welty - October 29, 2025 at 03:04 PM

JK

“ Jackie Krueger lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Kohler



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**Jackie Krueger** - October 29, 2025 at 03:03 PM

PJ

“ Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Kohler



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**Patty Johnson** - October 28, 2025 at 05:22 PM