



## Merlin D. Cross

December 29, 1937 - August 29, 2013

Merlin D. Cross, 75 of Kearney died Thursday, August 29, 2013 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Services will be held 2:00 PM, Monday September, 2, 2013 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. The Rev. David Nordstrom and Jim Wilson will officiate. Burial will be held prior to service time at 10 AM at Fort McPherson National Cemetery near Maxwell. Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard will conduct military honors. Visitation will be 5-7 PM, Sunday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to family for future designation. Online condolences may be shared at [osrfh.com](http://osrfh.com). O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements. He was born December 29, 1937 in Halsey, NE to Floyd and Margaret (Schneller) Cross. He grew up and received his education in Halsey. He entered the Air Force in 1955. He was married to Ruth Anne Hodges on April 10, 1959 in Coldingham, NY. They made their home in Newburgh, NY. He made his career in the military, serving in Vietnam. He retired from the Air Force in 1978. After retirement he worked for various agencies including the US Postal Service. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, NRA, Vietnam Veterans Association, Air Force Sergeant Association. He was an avid gun collector, loved to watch old westerns, was part of the coffee club at McDonalds and loved vintage cars. Survivors include daughters, Patricia Anne Lefever of Kearney, Karen Louise

(Mike) Nichols of Elm Creek, Vickie Lynn (Mark) Miller of Raymore, MO, Cindy Lou (Mike) Salpas of Kearney and Melissa June Cross of Kearney, 9 grandchildren and a sister, Phyllis Bailey of Ogallala.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth in 2011, 4 brothers and 1 sister.

# Cemetery Details

## **Fort McPherson National Cemetery**

12004 State Highway 56A Spur  
Maxwell, NE  
(308) 582-4433

# Tribute Wall



“ O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Merlin D. Cross



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**O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations** - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Merlin D. Cross*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Hi Dad,  
I know you are in a better place free of pain.  
Send Mom my LOVE. I miss you both so  
much. The memories will get me through the  
tough times.  
Until I see you both again.  
Love,  
Vickie*



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**Vickie** - September 05, 2013 at 06:19 AM

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“ *Hi Dad,  
I know you are in a better place free of pain.  
Send Mom my LOVE. I miss you both so  
much. The memories will get me through the  
tough times.  
Until I see you both again.  
Love,  
Vickie*



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**Vickie** - September 05, 2013 at 05:55 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Patricia LeFever** - September 01, 2013 at 10:03 PM

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“ *Patricia LeFever lit a candle in memory of  
Merlin D. Cross*



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**Patricia LeFever** - September 01, 2013 at 09:59 PM

MC

“ *Melissa Cross lit a candle in memory of Merlin D. Cross*



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**melissa cross** - September 01, 2013 at 02:23 PM

CI

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Cindy** - August 31, 2013 at 04:48 AM

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“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Merlin D. Cross*



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**Cindy** - August 31, 2013 at 04:26 AM

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*Set FREE, free of pain. Joined again with Mom, give her a hug and kiss for me. Till We see you both again. Watch after one another.....xxxoo*

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**Cindy** - August 31, 2013 at 04:29 AM