



## Mervyn "Merv" L. Schliefert

May 9, 1935 - August 1, 2017

Mervyn LeRoy Schliefert, known to friends as "Merv," passed away on August 1, 2017 at Tiffany Square Center in Grand Island, surrounded by family at the age of 82, 2 months and 23 days.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 am Friday, August 4, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. The Reverend Alan Davis will officiate. Interment will be at the Geneva Cemetery in Geneva, Nebraska at 2 pm. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Thursday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials suggested to Kearney's First United Methodist Church or Habitat for Humanity in Merv's name.

Merv was born in Aurora, NE on May 9, 1935 to Aaron and Gladys (Otte Mau) Schliefert as an only child. He grew up in Omaha and graduated from Benson High School in 1953 as a Benson Bunny. He graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1957 and earned a Master's Degree from Iowa State in Animal Husbandry, while serving in the Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel for 29 years. In 1957, Merv would meet his wife, Beverly. They later formed a union in 1958 to which 5 children were born. Merv's career took them to various locations across the country, but in 1983 they settled in Kearney, NE where they would spend most of their lives.

After his retirement from farmland appraisal and loan lending, Merv became extremely active by volunteering and supporting local events. There are too many to name them all, but some Merv was passionate about included Habitat for Humanity, Kiwanis, United Methodist Men, singing (or sleeping) in the church choir, attending events at the Merryman, Lied, and Community Theatre, etc. These things, amongst many, earned him Kearney's Humanitarian of the Year in 2003.

Merv was very proud of his grandchildren and never missed an opportunity to make them his special waffles, attend their events, or try to share his appreciation of classical music with them. He and Bev were world travelers, visiting numerous places, such as Thailand, Panama, Alaska, and Taipei. His other hobbies included photography and listening to the stock market or news.

Merv is survived by his wife of 59 years, Bev, children Roger Schliefert of Grand Island, David Schliefert of Grand Island, Doug Schliefert and wife Jodi of Grand Island, and Linda Dixon of Central City. He leaves behind 6 grandchildren Josh, Michael, Megan, Courtney, Chloe & Sarah, as well as 3 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his infant son, Dennis.

# Cemetery Details

## Geneva Cemetery

Geneva, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 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>

## Celebration of Life

AUG 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
4500 Linden Drive  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Graveside Service

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Geneva Cemetery  
Geneva, NE



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mervyn "Merv" L. Schliefert*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *To the family of Mervin Schliefert .  
I'm Maxine (Heftie) Shunkwiler formerly of Stockham, Ne. Mervin;s  
Mother Gladys introduced my Mother Lucile (Lyon) of Seward, to  
my dad Arthur Heftie of Stockham.  
They were married in 1937 and lived not too far from Gladys and  
Aaron at Stockham, where they lived when Mervin was born. My  
son happened to see this about Mervin. With Sympathy, Maxine  
Shunkwiler Fairfield, Nebraska.*

**Darrell Shunkwiler** - August 07, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ *Jon & I are sending our prayers to all of you.*

*Merv was a special cousin to me. He always enjoyed playing tricks  
on me as I am younger than he. Always fun to go to his house and  
read some of his comic books. My parents (Paul Finch's) & I went to  
his graduation and so excited to be involved in your wedding  
Beverly. Such wonderful memories over the many years to come  
although we were separated by many miles we kept in touch.*

*May the Lord bless and keep you at this time.*

*Doris (Finch) & Jon Sell*

**Doris Sell** - August 03, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ Beverly & family - so sorry to hear about Merv. He was such a joy to be around at the Habitat work site ~ sending hugs and prayers for you. - Rebecca Taylor

Rebecca Bralick Taylor - August 03, 2017 at 04:59 PM

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“ I remember Merv so well in the United Methodist Men. He was a strong proponent that I should receive a life membership from the Nebraska UMM. I have appreciated that and give thanks for his interest in that. I also remember his hearty laughter and constant interest in the ongoing activities of United Methodist Men. May God's loving and sustaining presence be with you, Bev and family at this time. Rev. Earl Reed

Rev. Earl H. Reed - August 03, 2017 at 04:18 PM

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“ Bev & Family: We are saddened to learn of Merv's passing. The two of you were great Kiwanians and we still miss you at Golden K. Keeping you and your family in our prayers. Sincerely, Myron & Diane Riddle

Diane A Riddle - August 03, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mervyn "Merv" L. Schliefert.



August 02, 2017 at 07:10 PM