



Oliver L Howard

October 13, 1950 - November 22, 2025

Oliver Lee Howard of Kearney passed away peacefully at his home on November 22, 2025. Oliver was born October 13, 1950, in Kearney, NE to Royce and Grace (Dobberstein) Howard. Oliver grew up in Kearney and was the 6th of 9 siblings. He cherished his mom and spent time with her learning skills and helping her out with chores around the house.

Oliver and his brother Wally had a special bond. They were inseparable, spending their time together at home, at work and enjoying the same interests especially rodeos.

Oliver loved rodeos, bull riding, John Wayne, westerns, fishing, Huskers, KC Chiefs, baseball, playing the harmonica, pheasant hunting in his younger years, their blue Dodge Ram pickup, and so much more.

Oliver began services at Mid-Nebraska Individual Services over 30 years ago. During his time with MNIS he stole the hearts of many staff members. He was a hard worker and carried great pride in his work, previously at the Baldwin Filters enclave and most recent completing contract work at the ADC. He enjoyed buddy bowling with the ARC and won many awards.

Oliver was our tough cowboy that loved to wear hats, sheriff badges, belt buckles and pliers, handkerchiefs, chaps and boots. He always had feathers tucked in the brim of his hats along with any other treasures he found along the way.

His smile was contagious, and he was loved by all that had the privilege of knowing him. Left to cherish his memory are his brothers Wally and Tommy,

sisters Shannon and Florence, niece and nephews, guardian Pam Balcom, countless MNIS employee's past and present and all of his friends he made throughout the years.

The Celebration of Life service to honor the life of Oliver Lee Howard will be held on Monday, Dec 1, 2025, at 2pm at O'Brien-Straatmann-Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney NE. Graveside service at Kearney Cemetery to follow. Memorial contributions can be made to the MNIS for designation toward finalizing his headstone. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Happy Trails Cowboy.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
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Kearney, NE 68847
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Tribute Wall

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“ Oliver was a great guy and was well loved.

Mike VaughnWilliams - November 27, 2025 at 05:31 PM

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“ I LOVED seeing Oliver at Creative Arts at the YMCA! He played his harmonica in the last Adaptive Talent Show. He always loved showing me his hat and telling me about his “treasures!” Grace and I will miss him a lot... ❤️🙏🥰

Peg Sinnard - November 26, 2025 at 10:18 PM

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“ We always made a point on our walks to go past his home. They would all be waiting at the front door and would come out to greet us with smiles and waves. The grandchildren loved the sheriff badge. We have such fond memories and will carry them with us.

Roberta Loescher - November 25, 2025 at 05:59 PM