



Ronald L. Howerter

April 21, 1938 - October 10, 2023

Ronald L. Howerter, 85 of Elm Creek passed away Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Elm Creek First Christian Church. Inurnment will follow at Elm Creek Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Elm Creek American Legion in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps. Honors Team.

Memorials are suggested to the Elm Creek First Christian Church. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Ron was born April 21, 1938 near Lodgepole, NE to Thomas and Carol (Millet) Howerter. He was raised near Sidney, NE and received his education from Sidney High School, graduating with the class of 1955. Later that year, Ron was united in marriage to Marilyn Wilson. To this union four children were blessed. Ron proudly served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps from 1956 until his honorable discharge in 1959. Ron served as hospital administrator and lab and x-ray technician in Chappell, NE for many years. He later worked as a lab and x-ray technician in Oshkosh, NE. On November 21, 1987, Ron was united in marriage to Sandy McKeeman in McCook, NE. Ron and Sandy moved to Kearney where he worked as an account manager and later founded and managed equipment sales at Cash-Wa, retiring after 37

years with the company.

Ron enjoyed gardening, flowers, cooking and tending to his lawn. He will be remembered for his ability to tell a story and for being a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was a member of the Elm Creek First Christian Church. Ron was also a past member of the Lions Club and the Garden County School Board.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sandy Howerter of Elm Creek; son, Dr. Mark (Deanna) Howerter of Columbus; daughters, Amy (Craig) Rathjen of Hickman and Dianne (Scott) Howbert of Harker Heights, TX; step children, Todd (Shar) McKeeman of Maxwell, NE, Tammy Unger and special friend Paul Blume of Indianola and Tara (Sean) Fries of Indianola; 26 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; as well as many extended family and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; son, Corey Lee Howerter; brother Tom Howerter; and sister Nancy Pfanstiel.

Cemetery Details

Elm Creek Cemetery

5100 52nd Road
Elm Creek, NE 68836

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **14**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Elm Creek First Christian Church
330 N. Tyler St.
Elm Creek, NE 68836

Tribute Wall



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Howerter.*



October 13, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Howerter.*



October 13, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ronald L. Howerter.*



October 12, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald L. Howerter.*

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“ John and Luann Rathjen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald L. Howerter.



John and Luann Rathjen - October 12, 2023 at 10:15 AM

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“ John and Luann Rathjen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald L. Howerter.

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“ So sorry for your loss. Ron was so sweet to work with.

Ellen Nisely - October 11, 2023 at 09:38 PM