



## Thomas Betzold

February 3, 1943 - June 25, 2019

Thomas Betzold, 76  
Kearney resident

Thomas Betzold, 76, of Kearney died Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at his home in Kearney. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 1, 2019 at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney. Father Paul Colling will officiate. Interment will follow at Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday at St. James Catholic Church in Kearney with a Vigil/Prayer Service beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to Kearney Special Olympics. 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.

Thomas David Betzold was born on February 3, 1943 in Fort Morgan, Colorado to Theodore and Hilda (Weinmaster) Betzold. He grew up in Colorado and graduated from Fort Morgan High School.

Thomas was united in marriage to Gertrude Pauls on January 27, 1962 in Fort Morgan, Colorado. To this union, five children were born: Thomas Jr., Marvin "Teddy", Tamara, Robert and Richard. The family moved to Hastings in 1964 and then to Kearney in 1969, where Thomas has lived ever since.

Thomas worked for Nebraska Public Power District as a distribution serviceman for over 30 years and retired in 2000. He enjoyed bowling on many leagues and served as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts. Thomas was also a member of St. James Catholic Church in Kearney where he was a frequent volunteer. In his free time, his hobbies included, golfing, fishing, gardening, woodworking, photography, and watching classic westerns.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Gertrude; children, Tom Betzold, Jr. and his wife, Cindi of Palmer, Teddy Betzold and his wife, Susan of Kearney, Tamara Lawter and her fiancé, Joe Andersen of Kearney, Robert Betzold and his wife, Rhonda of Omaha, and Richard Betzold and his wife, Laura of Laramie, WY; grandchildren, Sarah (Rick) Johnson of Ashland, Rachel Ziebarth of Palmer, Amanda Betzold of Eugene, OR, Zach Betzold of Kearney, Derrick Lawter of Omaha, Dillon Lawter of Lincoln, Scott Hickel of Kearney, Noah Betzold, Kaleb (Sydney) Betzold and Madison Betzold all of Omaha, Zavier Peterson of Laramie, WY; great grandchildren, Elsie, Isaac, Everett, Cary Johnson of Ashland and Jackson Ziebarth of Palmer; brother, Richard (Goldie) Betzold of Fort Morgan, CO; sister, Elaine Meyer of Fort Morgan; brother-in-law, Wayne Seeley of Hastings.

# Cemetery Details

## Kearney Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Vigil / Prayer Service

JUN 30. 5:00 PM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
3801 Avenue A  
Kearney, NE 68847



# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Betzold*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Tom Jr and Betzold family*

*Sorry for your loss Tom was a good man!  
Always remember him as one of our scout leaders*

*Dean Carson*

Dean Carson - July 03, 2019 at 07:52 AM



“ *My prayers go out to Tom Jr and the whole family. Thinking of you in your time of loss.*

Kim Gates - July 01, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Toms passing. David Blankenbaker family'*

David Blankenbaker - June 29, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ *My heart hurts for Tom's family. It has been 45 (ish) years ago when I first met Tom and Gertie. We bowled on the same league at the then Hilltop Lanes. It was a fun time and I truly enjoyed getting to know the Betzold's. Tom's laugh was so infectious. Good memories.  
Doris Schnuerle Cain*

Doris Schnuerle Cain - June 29, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Thomas Betzold.



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June 28, 2019 at 10:11 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Thomas Betzold.



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June 28, 2019 at 11:46 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Thomas Betzold.



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June 27, 2019 at 06:00 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Thomas Betzold.



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June 27, 2019 at 11:57 AM