



Vernon Carl Beavers

February 10, 1937 - February 24, 2026

Vernon Carl Beavers, 89, died February 24, 2026 in Kearney, NE from complications of dementia. He was born February 10, 1937 Buffalo Co., NE to Verl and Evelyn (Montgomery) Beavers. Vernon attended Nebraska State College, where, along with his younger brother Tommy, they excelled in orchestrating many a panty raid and causing general mayhem! We believe he was pursuing a degree in animal husbandry, but do not know as fact.

As a Marine serving in the Korean War, Vernon trained at the base in the 29 Palms area, which he thought was beautiful and hoped to return to at some point.

He worked for some time at the Juvenile Correctional Facility in Kearney which he spoke about enjoying until he was there long enough to see some of the boys repeat their stay, at which point he felt they were not making any lasting difference in the boys' lives, and decided to leave that position.

Vernon's greatest joy was raising his cows! He worked many long, mind-numbing hours driving trucks during harvest time with the goal of buying a piece of land so he could raise cows. He and his wife, Connie, achieved that dream and lived in a little trailer on that land until they eventually built their dream home on a hill overlooking the pastureland and cows they tended to.

During the time he lived and worked in Elm Creek he served as its Mayor for a while.

While Vernon wasn't the most interactive fellow with his family, he WAS interested in its history and did tons of research and had a grand time telling stories of all he had uncovered!

Vernon was preceded in death by: both his parents and stepfather. His siblings: Betty Jo, Mary, Michael, and Thomas. Two of his four children: Bruce and Londa. And, his three wives: Doris Williams, Betty Moon, and Connie Denning.

He is survived by his sister - Evan Kell; daughter – Bambilin Beavers; son – Phillip Beavers; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren (as best we can figure!); and - assorted nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Vernon requested no funeral but there will be a Celebration of Life on March 8th 4:00-6:00 pm at the Kearney American Legion Post 52, 1223 Central Ave in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to the Kearney American Legion Post 52.

Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kearney American Legion
1223 Central Ave
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rest in peace, Vern. I am saddened by your passing but celebrate you are now in His arms.* ”

Bob Harpst - February 28 at 06:26 PM