



Wayne A. Deterding

June 16, 1938 - January 11, 2026

Wayne A. Deterding, 87 of Kearney passed away Sunday, January 11, 2026, at CHI Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. A graveside service will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at Kearney Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the U.S. Navy Funeral Honors Team.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Wayne was born June 16, 1938 in Adams County, NE to George and Erma (Plambeck) Deterding. He grew up on the family farm in rural Adams County. Wayne attended Wanda Zion Lutheran Parochial School and Holstein High School. Wayne served in the U.S. Navy receiving a honorable medical discharge in 1958. He worked on the family dairy until he went to work for Speltz Swanson-John Deere for several years. Later he was a truck driver for Kearney Crete and Block. After retirement, he kept busy taking on a few part-time trucking jobs.

Wayne had a passion for classic cars and collecting toy tractors. He loved attending auctions and playing pitch with friends.

Wayne was united in marriage to Karen Norman in 1962 at the Bethel

Lutheran Church in Holdrege. Wayne was a member of First Lutheran in Kearney since 1972 where he was an usher and a bus driver. He was also a member of the Eagle's Club from 1972-2015.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Karen Deterding of Kearney; sons, Scott Deterding of Hastings, and Darren (Sonda) Deterding of Kearney; grandchildren, Kelsey (Matt) Dobish of Kearney, Courtney (Bruce) Klesath of Kearney, Kayla Erquiga of Cedarville, CA, McKenzie Deterding of Kearney, and Nicole Deterding of Kearney; great grandchildren, Lane, Beau, Kash, Keller, Deegan, Jett, Maisley, and Billie Kay; sister, Barbara Frazier of Lincoln; brother-in-law, Paul Dorn of Minden; sisters-in-laws, Peggy Ingold of Wyoming, and Marilyn (Hoss) Dannehl of Kearney; as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Patricia Dorn; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Thurston and Leaf Norman; sisters-in-law, Ruth (Grover) Waters, Dorothy (Gary) Nelson; and brothers-in-law, Robert Frazier, Floyd Ingold, and Don (Marilyn) Norman.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ So sorry for your loss Karen and boys had alot of memories

Jerrylynn Fisher - January 19 at 12:21 PM

TF

“ The Swanson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne A. Deterding.

The Swanson Family - January 16 at 02:32 PM

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“ The Swanson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wayne A. Deterding.



The Swanson Family - January 16 at 02:32 PM

TS

“ Karen, Scott and Darren,

I am so sorry for your loss. Wayne was a great co-worker and man we had some fun times together. He was very patient with me when I worked with him and did his best to teach me the correct way to "chain down a load" and, more importantly, take care of customers. We had many great talks about life and he made a great impact on my life. Know we will be praying for you all in this difficult time but rest assured that through God's grace we will be together again one day.

Tom Swanson

Tom Swanson - January 16 at 02:21 PM

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“ Elaine and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne A. Deterding.

Elaine and Family - January 16 at 12:22 PM

MH

“ Mike and Barb (Boehler) Hartzog lit a candle in memory of Wayne Deterding



Mike and Barb (Boehler) Hartzog - January 12 at 11:15 AM