



Gerald L. Kerl

October 27, 1955 - December 10, 2019

Gerald Lee Kerl was born in Hebron, Nebraska to Tom Kerl and Lucy (Babka) Kerl of Bruning, Nebraska on October 27, 1955. He passed away at his home on Monday, December 10, 2019 at the age of 64 years, 1 month and 14 days.

He was baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning. He graduated from Bruning Highschool in 1974 where he enjoyed football, basketball and track. After high school, he attended Nebraska Wesleyan University. After settling in Geneva, Nebraska, he worked for the city for 23 years. Gerald held the title of Water Operator, but his coworkers will tell you that he wore many hats. He was in charge of water systems, and he also helped with the management of waste water systems. He was instrumental in the operation of the Geneva Aquatic center, a helping hand at the Geneva Public Cemetery, and of course, the town dog-catcher. A large part of his life was dedicated to his friends, his family and to nature.

Gerald was preceded in death by his mother, Lucy.

He is survived by his father, Tom Kerl; his wife of 29 years, Susan; his brother, Gordon Kerl and wife Joan of Bruning; his sister, Shari Nigro and husband Joe of Lincoln; and his three children: Wade, Faith and Zackary; as well as his nieces and nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Bill and Mary Burgess of Geneva, and Nita and Van Johnson of Orlando.

Gerald had a great respect for wildlife and its habitat. He was known to house everything from wild raccoons to a red falcon that he caught as a young child. He felt great appreciation and respect towards his mother for allowing him to do so. As an avid outdoorsman, he loved to hunt, fish and spend time observing mother nature's wonders.

While seemingly taken early in life, he will be remembered for his commitment to his community and family, his passion for nurturing his garden and food-plot, and for his easy-going disposition. It is anticipated that he is presently reunited with his best four-legged friends: Buck and Boone, and his fun-loving cousin, Billy Babka, throwing back a "cold one."

He is and was a good man.

A Memorial Service for Gerald was held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska. Pastor Stuart Sell officiated the Service. Janice Fintel accompanied Faith Kerl in the singing of "Angel." She also accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Softly & Tenderly" and "How Great Thou Art."

Honorary pallbearers for the service included Wade Kerl, Zackary Kerl, Gordon Kerl, Joe Nigro, Kim Schoenholz, Tom Hawks, Bill Burgess, and Brent Kassik.

Gerald's ashes will be scattered at his favorite family hunting spot at a later date.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
300 E Main Street
Bruning, NE 68322

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Seggerman lit a candle in memory of Gerald L. Kerl*



Mary Seggerman - December 30, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ *I was 2nd cousins with Gerald, and I've got very fond memories of working with him, brother Gordon, and father Tom on the Kerl family farm back in the '70s. Gerald was always a kind person, and a good man! I miss his mother Lucy as well. Frank Babka Minnetonka, MN*

Frank Babka - December 16, 2019 at 10:03 AM



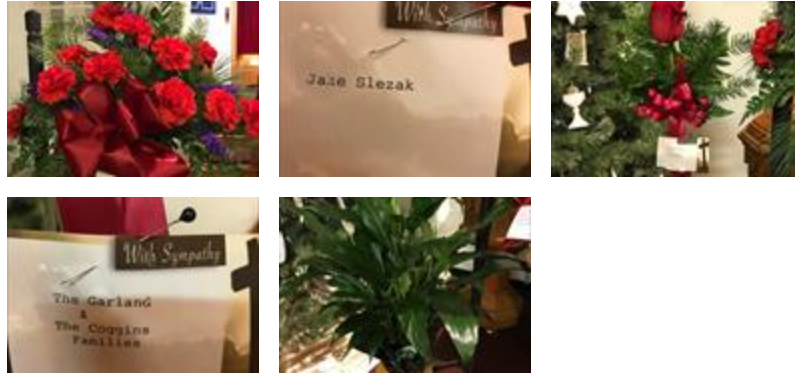
“ *Sympathy Messages - Kind Notes was purchased for the family of Gerald L. Kerl.*



December 14, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 14, 2019 at 12:34 PM

PG

“ I am so saddened by Gerald's passing. Whenever I had an abused and or neglected dog, when no one else's cared or would help. Gerald was always there for me and the dog. He will be missed. Thank you Gerald for your kindness and Rest In Peace my friend. With Caring Pat Gewecke

Pat Gewecke - December 13, 2019 at 08:15 PM

LN

“ Gerald was the kindest man I had ever met. He took such good care of my mother's yard (Edna Schelbitzki) and my mother would trust no one else to do her yard. She always was so happy with his work. Susan & family, I am so sorry for your loss and I know Gerald will be missed by all who knew him. Thoughts and prayers to all of you.

Linda (Schelbitzki) Newell - December 13, 2019 at 07:22 PM

LM

“ Susan and family - we are so saddened by your loss. He was a fantastic neighbor and friend to Larry's Mom Vera. He always took such good care of her yard and more so of her! There are not many as loving and kind as he was to Vera. Our prayers are with you and your family. Larry and Lavonne Messman

lavonne Messman - December 12, 2019 at 08:23 PM

BM

“ SORRY TO HEAR OF GERALD PASSING, SPENT MANY AN AFTERNOON GROWING PLAYING FOOTBALL AND RIDING MOTORCYCLES WITH GERALD AND GORDON, ONLY LIVED A COUPLE MILES AWAY AND HAD FUN TIMES WITH HIM HUNTING TOO.

BILL MOLTHAN - December 12, 2019 at 03:00 PM

KL

“ We just learned of Gerald's passing. Our hearts ache for your loss. We are unable to be present to rejoice in his life with you, but will be in touch later. Prayers!

Ken and Sandy Lefever - December 12, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald L. Kerl.



December 12, 2019 at 11:13 AM

BM

“ *Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of Gerald L. Kerl*



Brenda Motis - December 11, 2019 at 09:42 PM

MR

“ *So sorry to hear about Gerald,, he was a great guy with a BIG heart. Always helpful and easy going. He has left a large hole in our community... Our deepest sympathy, L♥VE,*

Mark & Sarah Reinsch - December 11, 2019 at 09:06 PM

DS

“ *Dorene Sattler lit a candle in memory of Gerald L. Kerl*



Dorene Sattler - December 11, 2019 at 08:18 PM

SS

“ *Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Gerald L. Kerl*



steve & barb sadd - December 11, 2019 at 06:01 PM

LH

“ *Lynne Houser lit a candle in memory of Gerald L. Kerl*



Lynne Houser - December 11, 2019 at 04:11 PM

JW

“ *He was a lot of fun to work with. Barb Whitley*



Jeff & Barb Whitley - December 11, 2019 at 04:09 PM

JB

“ *I'm so sorry and saddened to hear of your loss ..*



Julie Brauning - December 11, 2019 at 09:39 AM

HF

“ *Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Gerald L. Kerl*



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - December 11, 2019 at 08:17 AM

CR

“ *Caleb Rippe lit a candle in memory of Gerald L. Kerl*



Caleb Rippe - December 11, 2019 at 07:42 AM

MB

“ *Marvin & Bridgette Brummer lit a candle in memory of Gerald L. Kerl*



Marvin & Bridgette Brummer - December 10, 2019 at 11:36 PM

MB

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss.
He will be missed dearly by those who loved & knew him.*

*Sincerely,
Marvin & Bridgette Brummer*

Marvin & Bridgette Brummer - December 10, 2019 at 11:32 PM

KS

“ *This guy and I grew up together if he wasn't at my house I was at his. There are so many memories and things we did together they will not be forgotten. He taught me a lot about life. Godspeed my good friend.*

Kim Schoenholz

Kim Schoenholz - December 10, 2019 at 06:45 PM

TP

“ *Susan & the Kerl Family,*

I was shocked and very saddened to hear of Gerald's passing. I met him through my friend the late Bill Babka, and fondly remember many hunting and 'road trips' to the Bruning area to spend time with Gerald and his friends and family many years ago. I will never forget those fun times!!! I always enjoyed seeing Gerald occasionally here in Columbus, and remember having a great catch up conversation about 3 years ago here at Ruth Babka's funeral. I will miss my friend and cherish the memories. Please know that I am thinking of you all. God Bless.

*Terry Pfeifer
Columbus, Nebraska.*

Terry Pfeifer - December 10, 2019 at 05:22 PM

HF

“ *Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Gerald L. Kerl*



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - December 10, 2019 at 04:19 PM