



Jerry D. Chapman

April 7, 1940 - August 14, 2024

Jerry DWayne Chapman was born to Everett Dale Chapman and Ivy Beatrice (Schneider) Chapman on April 7, 1940 at Burress, Nebraska, and passed away August 14, 2024, at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska at the age of 84 years, 4 months, and 7 days. He was one of 5 children in the family.

Jerry was a Fillmore County resident his entire life. He went to a one room school near Burress until the 8th grade. Jerry graduated from Exeter Public School.

After graduating from High School, Jerry and friend, Harold Casper, traveled to all 48 continental states.

He was in the Army from 1963 to 1964 at Wurzburg, Germany. He was honorably discharged from the Army because of a family hardship. Jerry then transferred to the Army reserves from 1964-1969.

Jerry worked at NKC as a welder, for Chuck Hulse as a carpenter during the winter months, and then he took over the family farm and farmed the rest of his life.

His hobbies included: mechanical work, wood working, traveling, dancing, cards, and his Burress Mornings.

He was active in the Fairmont American Legion, Exeter Rural Fire Board, and Fillmore County Weed Board.

Jerry, "Hot Rod," as he was affectionately known by family, had a good sense of humor, was very generous, and loved helping people out. He was always learning and had interesting projects in the works. He ran the saw mill at Trauger's farm for many years with his dad and brother. He also loved going to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa to the Old Threshers Reunion for the last 45+ years.

Jerry married Esther Rice and to them 4 children were born, Corinna, Larry, Terry, and Perry.

He met his current wife, Karen (Sullivan) Shaw, on the dance floor. She brought to the marriage 2 daughters, Amy and Christine.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Ivy (Schneider) Chapman; in-laws, Gerald and Luana Sullivan; son, Terry Chapman; sister, Marjorie (Fred) Bartu; brothers, Wayne (Francis) Chapman, Monte (Edith) Chapman, Donald Chapman; and sister-in-law, Kathy (Jim) Richards.

He is Survived by his wife, Karen Chapman of Fairmont, Nebraska; daughters, Corinna (James) Bauer of McCool Junction, Nebraska, Amy Shaw of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Christine (Matt) Harre of Exeter, Nebraska; sons, Larry (Christina) Chapman of Raymond, Nebraska, and Perry (Victoria) Chapman of Geneva, Nebraska; 16 Grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

A Funeral Service for Jerry was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at Fairmont Community Church. Lay Pastor Michelle Lessard presided over the Funeral Service. Nancy Jo Galusha accompanied the congregation in

the singing of “Amazing Grace” and “How Great Thou Art.” The recorded selection “Go Rest High On That Mountain” was played as the recessional song.

Pallbearers included Jesse Klein, Xavier Bauer, Daniel Bauer, Caleb Bauer, Tyson Bauer, Christopher Chapman, Neil Chapman, and Evan Harre. Honorary Pallbearers included John Lowe and Rex Mussman.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors was held in the Exeter Cemetery. Military Honors were provided by the Fairmont American Legion Post 21 and the Nebraska Military Honor Guard.

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 Exeter Rural Fire Board or to the family for future designation.

Cemetery Details

Exeter Cemetery

Exeter, NE 68351

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home
305 South Burlington Avenue
Exeter, NE 68351
(402) 266-3621
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

AUG 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home
305 South Burlington Avenue
Exeter, NE 68351
(402) 266-3621
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

AUG **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fairmont Community Church
705 F Street
Fairmont, NE 68354

Tribute Wall



“ SO SORRY to hear! nobody told me of this!! JERRY was good to me as a kid!!! R.I.P. JERRY

Randy Nun - January 22, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - August 20, 2024 at 01:47 PM

AV

“ Amanda V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry D. Chapman.

Amanda V. - August 19, 2024 at 10:12 PM

BM

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family!!
May all your precious memories bring joy to
your heavy hearts!!!



Brenda Motis - August 19, 2024 at 07:39 PM

JE

“ *Jim and Pamela Edmonson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry D. Chapman.*



Jim and Pamela Edmonson - August 19, 2024 at 12:33 PM

JW

“ *Jan Wood lit a candle in memory of Jerry Chapman*



Jan Wood - August 19, 2024 at 08:06 AM

AR

“ *Ava Roush lit a candle in memory of Jerry Chapman*



Ava Roush - August 18, 2024 at 08:54 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Chapman.*



August 18, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Chapman.*



August 17, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ *Trenda Zabka lit a candle in memory of Jerry Chapman*



Trenda Zabka - August 16, 2024 at 08:14 PM



“ *Sandra L Mason Mewhirter lit a candle in memory of Jerry Chapman*



Sandra L Mason Mewhirter - August 16, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ *Karen and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Jerry was a great help to dad for Old Timer's day (as well as you Karen). May you find comfort in your many wonderful memories. Lynnelle Trauger*



Lynnelle Trauger - August 16, 2024 at 10:15 AM

HR

“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Jerry Chapman*



Holly Rippe - August 16, 2024 at 08:16 AM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Jerry Chapman*



Kent & Rose Theobald - August 15, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Chapman.*



August 15, 2024 at 02:55 PM

FB

“ *Fillmore County Weed Board planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry D. Chapman.*

Fillmore County Weed Board - August 15, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Chapman.



August 15, 2024 at 02:21 PM



“ Pete & Elaine Oldehoeft lit a candle in memory of Jerry Chapman



Pete & Elaine Oldehoeft - August 15, 2024 at 12:02 PM



“ Jim Votipka lit a candle in memory of Jerry Chapman



Jim Votipka - August 15, 2024 at 10:15 AM



“ Karen, our deepest sympathy to you & your family. Jerry was a kind guy with a beautiful smile..... we'll miss him ❤️

Mark & Sarah - August 15, 2024 at 07:09 AM

RV

“ Robert D. Votipka lit a candle in memory of Jerry Chapman



Robert D. Votipka - August 14, 2024 at 09:15 PM

CI

“ Karen, I am so sorry for ur loss, came as quite a shock to me, he was a good man, loved him as bingo caller

Cindy - August 14, 2024 at 09:00 PM

BT

“ Our prayers for Jerry's family. RIP Jerry.



Barb Trapp - August 14, 2024 at 08:17 PM