



## A. Ray Garton

March 20, 1940 - January 7, 2019

Allen Ray Garton, 78, of Doniphan passed away peacefully on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Veterans Administration Community Living Center after a brief battle with cancer.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at All Faiths Funeral Home with military honors rendered by the U.S. Army and Grand Island Veterans Honor Guard. Rev. Julie Bringelsen will officiate. Burial of ashes will take place at a later date in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Ray was born on March 20, 1940 at Bridgeport, NE, to John William and Martha Alta (McNabb) Garton. He grew up and received his education in Bridgeport. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1961 and was stationed in Korea during the Korean Conflict.

On November 15, 1968, Ray married the love of his life, Sheila Spuhler in Grand Island. After residing in Grand Island for 40 years they relocated to Amick Acres near Doniphan, NE.

After various jobs near Bridgeport, Ray moved to Grand Island to begin working at the Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant. Ray decided to put his talents to good use by starting his own business, "Ray's Special Services." He always brought a smile to every job, paying special attention to each client's needs. Through his work he made many lifelong friends and always made time for anyone who needed a helping hand.

Ray was a loving husband, father, and wonderful grandfather. He never met a stranger, and his kindness, generosity and sense of humor was felt by all who knew him. He enjoyed family, riding in his '55 Ford, and his special dog, Tequila.

Left to cherish his memory include his wife of 50 years, Sheila; children, Gary (Stacie) Garton of Blue Springs, MO, Corinna Garton of Grand Island, and Nicole (Dennis) SaBell of Aurora, NE; brother, Gerald (Donna) Garton of Alliance; many beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren; numerous extended family and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; twin brother, Alvin (Judy) Garton; sister, Alice "Tootie" (Howard) Stephens; sister-in-law, Dixie Garton.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *A. Ray Garton*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you Sheila. And my prayers. Ray was a special person & you two were so right for each other. Remember all the good times my friend. I'll always remember his smile.*

**Mary Naish** - January 12, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ *Patty and I have such fond memories, seeing Ray in so many different locations around town through the years. His smile was infectious! The picture posted in the paper is spot on with how we will always remember him. Our heartfelt condolences to Sheila, Nicole and the rest of the family.*

*Kevin and Patty Ronne*

**Kevin and Patty Ronne** - January 12, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.*



January 11, 2019 at 10:34 PM



Corinna  
McBride

“ Sending hugs, love, and prayers to all of you. I am so sorry I am unable to attend and hug you all personally, have been so sick with influenza and don't want to make any of you sick. My deepest sympathies! Ray and dad are going to enjoy this reunion and watch over us with love! Corinna McBride and family

Corinna McBride - January 11, 2019 at 08:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.



January 11, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.



January 11, 2019 at 10:22 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.



January 11, 2019 at 05:12 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.*



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January 10, 2019 at 05:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.*



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January 10, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.*



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January 10, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.*



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January 10, 2019 at 11:21 AM

PP

“ Pat McIlwain and Doug & Janet Parish purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of A. Ray Garton.



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**Pat McIlwain and Doug & Janet Parish** - January 10, 2019 at 10:40 AM

RB

“ Ralph & Alice Spuhler, Clarisse & Keith Bissell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of A. Ray Garton.



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**Ralph & Alice Spuhler, Clarisse & Keith Bissell** - January 10, 2019 at 10:25 AM

ED

“ We have so many wonderful memories of Ray. I was with Sheila the day she met Ray and have shared so many special times since that day. We have been life long friends. Ray was a very easy going person and always had a smile on his face. He was a hard worker and a bit mischievous at times. A very fun fellow. Roger and I loved him and will miss him dearly.



*Eileen Deiterman  
Brighton, CO*

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**Eileen Deiterman** - January 10, 2019 at 12:37 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.*



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January 09, 2019 at 08:50 PM



“ *Sheila & Corinna , So sorry for your lost, Ray was a great guy! You all are in our prayers and thoughts, Sorry we could not be at Service, Love Charlie Jan,Rex Nelson*

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**jan nelson** - January 09, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *Ray will be so dearly missed! The best neighbor you could ask for! He spent so much time helping us and playing with our son! We feel so lucky to have neighbors that became family! Thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!*

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**The Senffs** - January 09, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.*



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January 09, 2019 at 07:08 PM

 Myrna Daniels

“ You will be missed forever and a day.  
Myrna Da



Myrna Daniels - January 09, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of A. Ray Garton.



January 09, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am happy I was able to spend some time with Sheila and Ray this past summer when Ralph and Alice were visiting. I will cherish that time together. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Mary Stewart Fisk - January 09, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow, sending prayers and hugs.



Judy Puckett - January 09, 2019 at 03:55 PM

LC

*Our hearts go out to you. He will be missed such a loving uncle*

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**Lonetta cooley** - January 09, 2019 at 08:04 PM

RS

*So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. I always think of the day he gave me the pepper spray to walk - because of the mean dog down the street. That was so nice of him to want me to be safe. Sheila, we are thinking of you. - Rita & Brad Sallinger*

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**Rita Sallinger** - January 11, 2019 at 09:42 AM