



## David Lee Kaul

January 17, 1951 - February 8, 2026

David Lee Kaul, age 75, of Grand Island, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at the Genoa Longterm Care surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, February 20th at 10:30am at Peace Lutheran Church with Pastor Carl Eliason officiating. The service will be livestreamed on Facebook at Peace Lutheran Celebration Of Life-Grand Island. Burial will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery in St. Edward at 2pm. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 19th from 5-7pm at Peace Lutheran Church. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to St. Edward FFA Department, Holy Cross Music Department or the Ryder Park Foundation. Condolences can be left at [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com).

David Lee Kaul was born into this world on January 17th, 1951 in Fremont, Nebraska to Ralph Henry Kaul and Edith (Edie) Lucille Kaul (McAvoy). He was baptized at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod Fremont Nebraska on March 25, 1951.

David had a brother and a sister. Mark who is 2 years younger and the baby sister Lora was just 17 months younger than Mark. Grandma had her hands full with these three. They lived out on a farm North of St. Ed. They went to country school, District # 31 until 8th grade. Decades later when the three of

them came together, along with Peg Andreasen, they would regale you of tales of country school days. They talked about riding the old horse Tony across the section to get to school, skipping school to go sledding, playing games outside and getting the teacher so involved she would skip the schoolwork for the day, and coming home to the farm to have cream puffs waiting for them. They were a family out in the country always taking care of one another, and the stories and happy times would bring smiles to all their faces. The Kaul family attended the rural St Ansgar Lutheran Church and he was confirmed there June 19, 1966. David then went to St. Edward High School, St Edward NE. During high school he met Rita Schroeter in the neighboring town of Newman Grove. David graduated from St. Edward High School in May 1970. He attended Central Community College in Columbus, NE that fall. On October 12, 1971 he enlisted into the Army and on February 12, 1972, began his basic combat training. He specialized as a Sharpshooter (rifle). He then went on to serve in the Army National Guard for 6 years. After basic training was completed he returned to rural St. Edward and continued farming with his Dad. On July 21, 1973 David and Rita were united in marriage at Trinity Lutheran church in Newman Grove, Nebraska. They purchased the farm just south of his parents house and lived there for 15 years. The farm is where they made their home and started their family. They had three daughters, Kristin, the oldest, Sara just 20 months younger and the baby sister, Rebecca. They moved to Kearney in 1987 spent a few years in "the city". After the passing of Ralph and Edith in the early 90's they moved back to the family farm for the girls to go through high school at their dad's alma mater. After the kids all graduated, they moved back to the Kearney area.

More than this chronological telling of life's happenings what really defines David's life is who he was as a person. It was his everyday vocations from God that were the most important to him of being a husband, father, grandfather and friend. Honest, reliable, responsible and an ever-loyal person.

He had an unimposing presence; he didn't want to be the center of attention. But his presence made a difference. He was always there to lend a helping hand, a listening ear, or whatever he had to give. And the thing is, he didn't know how good he was, he just was; ever humble to the end. He had a quick wit, a dry sense of humor and you often received a smirk in response. If you needed to know gas prices in a three-state area, he could tell you. Need to know the weather for the area? He had you covered long before smart phones existed. While David left farming long ago, "once a farmer always a farmer" he always kept up on what was happening in the farming world.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Rita Kaul; daughters, Kristin (Jeremy) Lewandowski of Grand Island, Sara (Levi) Brownwood of York and Rebecca (Neto) DaCruz of Kearney; grandchildren, Hailey and Gavin Lewandowski, Emmett and Edith "Elle" Brownwood and Braiden and Marcelino Jr. DaCruz; brother, Mark Kaul of Auburn; sister, Lora Grape of St. Edward; beloved dog, Sonny and nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Edith Kaul; parents in-law, Ray and Marilyn Schroeter; grandparents; brothers in-law, Ron Grape and Duane Gettert and sister in-law, Dorothy Kaul.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Peace Lutheran  
1710 N. North Rd  
Grand Island, NE 68803

## Celebration of Life Service

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

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## Burial

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM.

Evergreen Cemetery  
St. Edward, NE

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ In loving memory, David, Mark and I David Scheffler built a 1955 Mercury stockcar . Built it in Ralph and Ediths shed as I remember later 1969. It was rather cool and heated the shed with a nipco heater .Mark, donated the 390 motor and 4 speed transmission out of his daily driving car 1964 Ford Galaxie , and raced that season. Ron Grape drove for us. As usual haad to make some repairs pretty often. Then got finished off when it got rolled seems like. lol. It was alot of fun running with the boys back then. Life interfered and lost track of the guys then . So sorry to hear about David. If I had known he was in Genoa I sure would have gone to visit him now and then. You all have my deepest simpathy . May God be with you all through this time of greef.

David Scheffler - February 19 at 05:29 PM

RK

Thank you for your kind words and joining us out at the cemetery. I remember David talking about working on those cars. It was probably real intense getting that old car to run!!! Thanks for sharing!!

Rita Kaul - February 26 at 04:53 PM

CF

“ Crystal Zabka-Belsky and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Lee Kaul.



Crystal Zabka-Belsky and family - February 19 at 02:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Lee Kaul.*



February 18 at 03:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Lee Kaul.

February 18 at 03:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of David Lee Kaul.*



February 17 at 09:05 PM



“ *Tim & Pam Hoffman and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Lee Kaul.*



**Tim & Pam Hoffman and Family** - February 16 at 04:18 PM

PM

“ Pam, Amber Brown and Sydney, Dan Mather purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David Lee Kaul.



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**Pam, Amber Brown and Sydney, Dan Mather** - February 14 at 06:17 PM

SE

“ Susan E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Lee Kaul.

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**Susan E.** - February 14 at 01:58 PM

EL

“ Sorry for your loss Rita. Prayers to you and your family Elaine Hulse Albion

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**Elaine** - February 14 at 12:33 PM

RK

Thank you so much Elaine. David has been struggling for some time. We finally found out that he had Alzheimers so now we know why all the changes. Thank you for your prayers.

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**Rita Kaul** - February 26 at 05:10 PM

JO

“ We have many many memories of Dave, Rita and family. Tom and Dave were in Sunday school together and confirmation and I'm each others weddings. What a wonderful family. Dave will ALWAYS be remembered 💜  
Tom & Joyce

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**Joyce** - February 13 at 05:06 PM

RK

*Yes---- good memories with some very good friends ❤️. Our kids grew up together and went to church together. Thank you for all those good times. Thank you for getting ahead of the storm and getting to Nebraska so Tom could be pallbearer. We truly truly appreciate the time you spent with us. Thank you.*

**Rita Kaul** - February 26 at 05:14 PM



*“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Lee Kaul.*



February 12 at 06:23 PM

KM

*“ Our most sincere condolences to Rita and the whole family at such a time of loss. We will be holding you up in prayers! Love in Christ Jesus, Mike & Katie Mathews*

**Katie Mathews** - February 11 at 11:00 AM

RK

*Thank you Mike and Katie, We appreciate your prayers and thinking of us.*

**Rita Kaul** - February 26 at 05:32 PM



*“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Lee Kaul.*



February 10 at 08:18 PM

TG

“ The Getters planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Lee Kaul.

The Getters - February 10 at 08:18 PM

GS

“ I remember going to the farm to celebrate January birthdays and David was always so jovial and happy. We would watch Raycom media's Big 8 basketball game of the week I am so glad that I got to say "See you later" until we meet again. Sending Love Greg Kim Luke Hannah Teddy and Nate too.

Gregory Schroeter - February 10 at 07:51 PM

RK

We are so very grateful that you were able to come to see David on that last day. It means so very much for you to be there and share that time with us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts...  
Rita and families

Rita Kaul - February 26 at 05:28 PM

GS

“ I remember going to the farm to celebrate January birthdays and David was always so jovial and happy. We would watch Raycom media's biggie basketball game of the week I am so glad that I got to say "See you later" until we meet again. Sending Love Greg Kim Luke Hannah Teddy and Nate

Gregory Schroeter - February 10 at 07:49 PM

GS

“ I will always remember going to the farm and celebrating his birthday and watching Raycom Media's Big 8 Basketball Games he was so jovial and fun loving. I am glad that I got to say "see you later". Until we meet again. Love, Greg and Kim, Luke , Hannah and Teddy, plus Nate too.

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**Greg Schroeter** - February 10 at 05:11 PM