



## Gerald "Jerry" W. Weakland

May 29, 1961 - January 5, 2026

Gerald "Jerry" W. Weakland, 64, of Aurora, passed away Monday, January 5, 2026, at Grand Island Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his children and family.

A celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026, at All Faiths Funeral Home. A gathering of friends and family will be held one hour prior to the service. Dan Naranjo will officiate.

Memorials are suggested to All Faiths Funeral Home.

Jerry was born on May 29, 1961, in Grand Island, the son of Norman and Jeannette (Vogel) Weakland. He graduated from Northwest High School in 1979 and later attended Central Community College in the welding program. Jerry spent most of his life in the Grand Island and Phillips areas.

Jerry was first married to Shellie Smith, and they were blessed with a son, Tyler.

On December 4, 1992, Jerry married Mia Vredevelde. They were blessed with a son, Kelby, and a daughter, Kelsey. They made their home near Phillips before later moving to Aurora.

Jerry began farming near Phillips, where he operated his own custom haying business. A cowboy at heart, he trained horses for many years and was always willing to lend a hand to area farmers. He also drove semi-truck for Bosselman's and, in recent years, worked in the maintenance department at the Aurora Hospital.

Jerry enjoyed hunting deer, ducks, and pheasants with his beloved black labs.

He was active in slow-pitch softball and loved watching his children participate in sports. A skilled welder, Jerry could fix nearly any engine. He enjoyed Husker football and baseball, as well as classic western movies. Jerry won the State of Nebraska straight truck driving competition and went on to compete nationally in Florida, where he placed. He could often be found at the Bunkhouse Lounge playing pool or cards. Jerry's love, humor, and generous spirit will be deeply cherished by his family and friends.

Jerry is survived by his children, Tyler (Carolyn) Weakland, Kelby Weakland, and Kelsey Weakland; brothers, Jim (Kaye) Weakland and John (Janet) Weakland; sisters, Julie (Steve) Brooke and Jennifer (Butch) Evans; granddaughters, Elsie Weakland and one on the way; along with numerous extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mia; his niece, Katie Weakland; and his father- and mother-in-law, John "Dutch" and Ann Vredeveld.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering

JAN 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gerald "Jerry" W. Weakland*



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**All Faiths Funeral Home** - January 12 at 11:39 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" W. Weakland.*



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January 12 at 08:57 AM



“ *Rick and Peggy Herr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" W. Weakland.*

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**Rick and Peggy Herr** - January 12 at 08:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" W. Weakland.*



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January 08 at 02:07 PM

MM

“ *Jim, Kaye and the Weakland family I am sorry for your loss of Jerry. My sympathy and condolences to your family.*

Monica McClure - January 07 at 07:01 PM

SB

*Sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. He lived next door to us years ago. He was always easy to talk to and a nice guy with a big smile. Sincere sympathy to all his family.*

Steve and Lora Buhrman - January 08 at 11:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" W. Weakland.*



January 07 at 02:37 PM

AS

“ *Jerry was one of kind and loved deeply! He was a great blessing to know and I am so glad to have met him and been a part of his story, no matter how brief. His family meant everything to him and I pray for comfort for them at this time. I'll catch you later Jerry 😊*

Anna Shaneyfelt - January 07 at 12:34 PM

JL

“ *I babysat for Jerry and Mia back in the 90s when they lived between Grand Island and Alda. I always looked forward to talking to them. They made me feel like family. Rest Easy Jerry, you will be missed!*

Jacki Leitschuck - January 07 at 11:09 AM

CC

“ CJ Vogel Clark purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Gerald "Jerry" W.  
Weakland.



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**CJ Vogel Clark** - January 07 at 10:05 AM

CC

“ CJ Vogel Clark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" W.  
Weakland.

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**CJ Vogel Clark** - January 07 at 10:05 AM

CF

“ Clifford Vogel/Michelle Wentworth family  
purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the  
family of Gerald "Jerry" W. Weakland.



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**Clifford Vogel/Michelle Wentworth family** - January 07 at  
08:58 AM

CF

“ Clifford Vogel/Michelle Wentworth family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Gerald "Jerry" W. Weakland.

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**Clifford Vogel/Michelle Wentworth family** - January 07 at 08:58 AM