



## Harold 'Kay' Sawyer

September 11, 1936 - September 20, 2024

Harold 'Kay' Sawyer, 88 of rural Central City was ushered into his Savior's loving arms Friday, September 20, 2024 at Merrick Medical Center.

Celebration of life service will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday, September 24th at the Berean Bible Church in Grand Island. Son-in-law, Pastor Jim Reynolds, will officiate. There will be a private family burial following.

Family will be greeting friends an hour before service time. Memorials are suggested to either Gideon Bible or Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

Kay was born on September 11, 1936 on a family farm in Rock County, NE, the son of Ralph and Mary (Vore) Sawyer. He graduated from North Loup High School. In high school he was active with music and basketball. He went on to receive degrees from Grace College of the Bible, Kearney State College, Hastings College and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He met the love of his life at Grace, where they were both members of a music group, and he and Della Dick were united in marriage on July 27, 1957. Together they have celebrated 67 years of marriage, being guided by a love for the Lord and a love for their family.

Kay helped start Nebraska Christian School, where he taught music, choir, band and filled many other roles in his 30-year tenure. His role of repairing things there led him to get his Master Electrician license, which turned into another business for him. He owned and operated Sawyer's Service for many years. Later in life, Kay was a financial representative for 25 years for Ozark

National Life. He was a founding member of the Community Bible Church in Central City.

Kay and Della lovingly raised five children, instilling in them their faith, along with a legacy of love of hymns. Music was always an important part of their home. Kay impacted many lives besides his family, and he lived daily to show Jesus' love to all he came in contact with. He loved learning and studied the Bible his entire life, sharing his deep knowledge with others. He was a hard worker and did much of the work building the home he and Della were living in.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Della; their children, Mary (Mike) Adams, Duane (Kate) Sawyer, Jane (Todd) Anania, Sheryl (Greg) VanderVorst and Becky (Jim) Reynolds; 15 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and a sister, Carol (Gary) Squier.

He is preceded in death by an infant son, James Allen Sawyer; his parents and his siblings, Kenneth Sawyer, Linda Shoemaker and Glenn Sawyer.

# Cemetery Details

## Central City

Central City, NE

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Berean Bible Church  
4116 W Capital Ave  
Grand Island, NE 68803  
(308) 382-7881

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ I will always remember HK as the best music teacher I ever had. His care for each of us as individuals and as music students was exceptional. I always felt that he cared for me more than the music I tried to make. I have thought of him through the years, always glad that he was in my life. David Green, Class of 1962.

DAVID GREEN - October 14, 2024 at 06:11 PM

BP

“ Della and Becky, I was sorry to hear about your husband and father's death and yet I rejoice for he is now with Jesus. I remember him as a very "gentle" man, always interested in someone else. When in his presence you could sense the love of Jesus in his heart. It was very evident that he loved the Lord and lived for His glory. I am praying that God's grace will be more than sufficient for you to have strength and peace during this difficult time. Della, I know what it is like to be alone but always remember Jesus is with you at ALL times. You will miss him and death leaves a big void but our Lord is sufficient and will be by your side to give you grace for the day. Becky and Jim I miss my contact with you so very much. Know of my continued love and prayers for you and your ministry. hugs to all, Barb Postema

Barbara Postema - September 29, 2024 at 05:31 PM

BP

“ Barbara Postema lit a candle in memory of Harold 'Kay' Sawyer



Barbara Postema - September 29, 2024 at 05:25 PM

DS

“ I absolutely loved being in the N.C. choir under his direction during my high school years. He had such a passion for excellence in music as we sang about and to our loving Saviour and Lord. I can't help but think there is music in Heaven and Kay is leading some of the choir too! - Dan Schmidt, class of 1979

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**Dan Schmidt** - September 24, 2024 at 10:05 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold 'Kay' Sawyer.



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September 23, 2024 at 05:15 PM

HF

“ Helle Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Harold 'Kay' Sawyer.



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**Helle Family** - September 22, 2024 at 09:03 PM

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“ Helle Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold 'Kay' Sawyer.

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**Helle Family** - September 22, 2024 at 09:03 PM

CK

“ *Della, Mary Lynn & all the family - Prayers for you at this time of your loss. Kay was always so kind when we were kids and you guys lived at NC. Will keep you all in my prayers.*  
*Chris Harlow Korn*

Chris Harlow Korn - September 22, 2024 at 05:38 PM

WD

“ *Walt (Ray) Porter, Alice and Deb purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Harold 'Kay' Sawyer.*



Walt (Ray) Porter, Alice and Deb - September 22, 2024 at 03:16 PM

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Walt (Ray) Porter, Alice and Deb - September 22, 2024 at 03:16 PM

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“ *From the Anania and Dunham Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Harold 'Kay' Sawyer.*



From the Anania and Dunham Family - September 22, 2024 at 01:58 PM