



Jerry Hehnke

November 23, 1935 - September 28, 2018

Gerald (Jerry) Hehnke

Jerry Hehnke, 82 of Grand Island died Friday, September 28, 2018 at CHI Health-St. Francis.

Services will be 10:30 AM Wednesday at the Bosselman Conference Center-Fonner Park. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Burial will be in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6-8 PM Tuesday at the Bosselman Conference Center-Fonner Park. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Jerry was born in Grand Island, Nebraska to Oscar V. and Helen (Harrison) Hehnke on November 23, 1935. He graduated from Grand Island Senior High. In November of 1957 he married his high school sweetheart, Chick (Charlene Noakes). Following graduation, in 1958 Jerry worked for the O.V. Hehnke Company for a short time before leaving for the United States Army, serving from 1958 to 1963. He was stationed at Ft. Benning, GA and Ft. Ord, California. Upon returning to Grand Island, Jerry resumed work for the O.V. Hehnke Company. In 1967 he purchased the company from his father, changing the name to Jerry's Sheet Metal Heating and Cooling, Inc. After Chick's death he later married Carolyn (Sanders) in 1993. Jerry remained working at this namesake company, with his sons and daughter-in-law joining him as the company grew.

Jerry loved having his family working with him and watching the small company thrive and grow throughout the years into the largest heating and

cooling company in Nebraska. His firm grew from a 6 man shop into over 60 employees. It was named Lennox's top companies in the United States and Canada and winning the "Circle of Excellence" award, the last 8 years in a row. Jerry's Sheet Metal installs and services furnaces and air conditioners in the majority of businesses and homes in this area and was awarded most all major commercial projects here and throughout the state. In 2016, Jerry's Sheet Metal was presented Hall of Fame Award for Business Excellence. Jerry enjoyed playing and watching baseball. He played baseball for the Army, playing well enough he never had to take basic training or pick up a rifle. He played semi-pro baseball throughout Nebraska from 1952-1974. He coached youth baseball for numerous years and Legion baseball for over 14 years. Always quick with a joke or comeback, Jerry enjoyed dining out and dancing at the clubs. However, his favorite passion was to watch his grandkids play softball and baseball. It reminded him of "how great he was."

Memberships include the Platt Duetsche, Eagles, Liederkrantz, United Veterans Club and the Saddle Club.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; sons and daughters-in-law, Jay and Julie Hehnke, KC and Deb Hehnke, Monte and Tami Hehnke; step children, John and Cheryl Walker and Kim and John Hass; sister, Mary O'Rourke of Kearney; sister-in-law, Nancy (Tom) Hehnke of Hastings; grandchildren, Kaitlin, Calvin, Chandler and Camdyn Hehnke; step grandchildren, Zach, Eric, Adam and Collin Walker and Ben, Isabella and Lilly Hass; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Donna and Dee Rockwell, Roger and Joyce Noakes, John Hanssen, Jim and Colleen Cummings, Gary and Jo Sanders, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Chick; brother, Tom; sister, Sylvia; brother-in-law, Gerry O'Rourke.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established in memory of Jerry.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Hehnke*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *To the Henke Family:*

Ryder park will never be the same without you, Jerry. Home Federal games were a place you could always be counted on to share a joke or a story. You always made me smile. You a very generous man and cared deeply about youth sports and the people of grand island. To a life well lived, may you rest in peace.

Jerry Tynan and family

jerry tynan - October 04, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ *Henke Family,*

We are all so incredibly sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. We have valued his friendships, both personal and business, for decades. We are looking forward to contributing to the memorial fund created in his honor. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Your Friends at Air-Side Components...

Stacy Stover - October 04, 2018 at 04:07 PM

DW

“ I will never forget my conversations with him mostly at sr high softball team camps. He would share stories and we would laugh. I will miss him

Dale williams - October 03, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Our thought and prayers are with you and your family. He will be missed by all.

Craig and Karen Rupp

Craig Rupp - October 03, 2018 at 08:58 AM

TT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed talking and doing business with Jerry. Our thought and prayers are with you. Hugs and RIP Jerry!!

*Tom & Cindy Togstad
& family & employees of Air & Fluid Management*

Thomas W Togstad - October 02, 2018 at 01:34 PM

MM

“ Extending our deepest sympathies to the Hehnke Family. We very sorry for your loss. Jerry will be missed by all.
Mark and Jan Morris

Mark Morris - October 02, 2018 at 11:52 AM

KB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Carolyn, at this very sad time. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around you and all of yours and Jerry's families.

Love, Kelly & Randy Brown

kelly brown - October 02, 2018 at 09:43 AM

JW

“ Rest in peace, Uncle Jerry. You were a good man and I will miss you. Love, Jackie

Jackie Williams - October 01, 2018 at 11:01 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry Hehnke.



October 01, 2018 at 04:58 PM

GC

“ Gustave A Larson Co. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Hehnke.



Gustave A Larson Co. - October 01, 2018 at 04:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Hehnke.*



October 01, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Jerry Hehnke.*



October 01, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ *Suburban Sheet Metal purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Hehnke.*



Suburban Sheet Metal - October 01, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ *We'd like to express our sincerest sympathies to all of Jerry's family! He will be truly missed, in time we hope you'll take comfort in knowing that he has gone onto a better place. He'll always be with you in your thoughts and prayers as well as ours!
Jack, Brian, Cory, Brad, Josh, Nick & Karen
Control Logic*


Karen Zona - October 01, 2018 at 10:40 AM

SS

“ Extending my deepest sympathies to the Hehnke Family. So very sorry for your loss.

Shelly Snook

Shelly Snook - October 01, 2018 at 09:59 AM


Angelica
Alaniz

“ When I was pregnant he brought me donuts, I gained like 20 pounds from it, later on, when I had my baby he always asked me " How is the little one"?, he was a caring loving person, I called him Granpa, he made jokes to make people smile. I'm going to miss you, Jerry! My Heart is sad because of your departure, but I know you are in a better place. Mi Corazon esta triste por tu partida, pero se que estas en un mejor lugar.

Angelica Alaniz - October 01, 2018 at 08:53 AM

RR

“ Hehnke Family
Jerry was quite a guy. Enjoyed playing with and against Jerry in sports.

Sorry about our loss.

Dick Rasmussen

Richard Rasmussen - October 01, 2018 at 08:06 AM



“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the entire Henke family. So very sorry for your loss.

Jan Opp

Jan Opp - September 30, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jerry Hehnke.



September 30, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ Jay, KC, & Monte

I just found out about the loss of your father and I'm so sorry. I remember starting out in the construction business and he was always there to help keep things moving. I never ran into him where he didn't take the time to stop and say hi and how are you doing. He will be missed.

Tim Holloway - September 30, 2018 at 11:19 AM