



## Leland R. Nehls

November 1, 1941 - September 18, 2017

Leland R. Nehls, 75 of Grand Island died peacefully at home with his family at his side.

Private family services will take place at a later date.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the family.

Mr. Nehls was born November 1, 1941 at Kearney the son of Henry and Pearl (Warford) Nehls.

Leland was raised in Kearney graduating from Kearney High School class of 1960. He was united in marriage to Virginia Murphy on June 19, 1971.

Leland worked in the custodian profession having retired from the Grand Island Independent. He then owned his own custodian business along with his wife. He retired due to health issues.

He was a simple, loving man with a contagious smile. He enjoyed reading, watching country westerns, fishing, camping and old Model T's. His greatest joy was his family.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 46 years, Virginia; their children, Tammy (Craig) Beers, Thomas Nehls, Sr. and special friend Cynthia McCarthy, Kenneth "Todd" Nehls, Sr. and Troy Nehls; his sister, Maxcean Johnson; 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren along with many other extended family members.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 5 brothers and 2 sisters.

Special thanks to his caregivers Lori, Tara, Heather and the AseraCare

Hospice team; Cynthia McCarthy, special friend and his granddaughter, Justine and her husband Michael Cockerham and their son, Peyton Beers-Cockerham for the loving care given.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Leland R. Nehls*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Virginia and family, Leland always had a smile on his face and I know he was the light of your life. Prayers are coming your way.*  
*Pam Swanson*



**Pam Swanson** - September 21, 2017 at 09:38 PM

JC

“ You were my Gramps, my first best friend. You showed me what true love really was. You loved without reserve. You taught me how to fish, camp, drive in Omaha traffic. You taught me patience (I'm still working on that one). You and I would fish in the pouring rain, bells jingling with fish on the line. We put more miles on your vehicles than I care to count. We cleaned all your contracts and I was always proud to tag along. We hunted down stamps for our books. You loved windchimes and coo coo clocks. I hung a windchime up for you the other day. It's quite obnoxious! You gave me away at my wedding, and when i say you, it was you alone, even if my dad was supposed to too! When the pastor asked "who gives this bride away?" You bellowed out "I DO!" Everyone just smiled and chuckled! You took that task very seriously! You waited for me everyday after school until I turned 16. Always a big jug of diet Pepsi, a crossword or a readers digest in hand, country music on the radio. And you greeted me every day with "How was your day, Babe?" And off we would go on my many errands I had to run! I will never forget you, you will always have a special place in my heart....

Justine Cockerham - September 21, 2017 at 07:31 PM

TB

“ 4 files added to the album My Pop



Tammy Beers - September 20, 2017 at 07:29 PM

DE

“ Always enjoy talking with Leland took our grand daughter over one time as he sit inside at the window watching her play. She would wave and he always wave back to her, making her feel so special!

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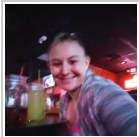
**Dennis** - September 20, 2017 at 07:12 PM

CL

“ Uncle Leland was more like my second dad! He was always there for me, and took me with him at night to go clean his many jobs!!! I loved ❤️ Going !!! And fishing 🎣 always had so much fun and lots of laughter!!! RIP Uncle Leland I will always love you... and carry you in my heart! Thank you for all the wonderful memories!!!!❤️❤️❤�

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**Cecile Lessig** - September 20, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ I always remember him sitting on the back porch watching TV as I would play in the backyard when we visited...you will be missed Grandpa Leland

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**Holly Jensen** - September 20, 2017 at 03:13 PM