



## Max Eugene Hafner

April 22, 1933 - August 19, 2018

Max Eugene Hafner, 85, of Grand Island, NE, formerly of Oberlin, KS, passed away on Sunday, August 19, 2018.

To honor Max' wishes, cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 8th, at the Oberlin Cemetery, with military honors provided by the U.S. Army and Oberlin Honor Guard.

Max was born April 22, 1933 in Herndon, KS, the son of Anthony and Mary (Versch) Hafner. He was raised and received his education in Herndon. He entered the United States Army in 1953, serving during the Korean War, and was honorably discharged in 1955.

On December 27, 1958, Max was united in marriage to Nila Jeanne Walters. An auto mechanic by trade, he was employed for various dealerships and also owned and managed his own mechanic shop. After retiring, Max continued doing mechanic work out of his garage. While living in Oberlin, he served as animal control officer for the city of Oberlin.

Raised Catholic, Max was baptized and confirmed in St. Mary's Church of Herndon. He was a member of Knights of Columbus and the Oberlin Volunteer Fire Department.

In addition to mechanic work, Max enjoyed trapping, hunting, horsemanship, gardening, woodworking and especially his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 59 years, Nila Jeanne;

son, Bill (Theresa) Hafner of Lakewood, CO and their children, Ryan, Matthew and Anthony; daughter, Lisa (Shane) Arends of Grand Island and their children, Levi (Kelley), Sierra and Noah and beloved great grandchildren, Adler and Onyx.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Philomena Korte, Leo Hafner, Viola Korte, Marietta Yoos, Tessie Luckert, Kenneth Hafner and Eileen Witt.

Online remembrances may be left at [www.gjallfaiths.com](http://www.gjallfaiths.com).

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Oberlin Cemetery

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Oberlin, KS 67749

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Eugene Hafner*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I WORKED A SHORT TIME WITH MISTER HAFNER AT THE OBERLIN FLYING SERVICE WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL , MAX , AS HE WANTED TO BE CALLED , WAS EVEN TEMPERED AND A EASY GOING GUY WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR . MY CONDOLENCE TO ALL HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS .....MIKE LARREAU*

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**MIKE LARREAU** - November 20, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ *My Grandfather, Lee Kump, owned Kump Motor Company in Oberlin. Our family would visit during the summer, and I loved spending my vacation time in Oberlin at the dealership, much of it with the mechanics as they worked on cars, trucks, and farm equipment. I have particularly fond memories of Max as I spent hours watching and talking to him. He was so kind and would always take the time to talk with me and explain things. I, of course, thought this was wonderful and it made a huge impression on me. Rest in peace Max.*

*John B. Kump*

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**John B. Kump** - September 11, 2018 at 09:43 AM

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“Max, you probably never realized it, but you played a huge role in making my son the man he is today. When Morgan was a little boy and we would come home for the summer from Okinawa, the first place he wanted to go was to your shop. He idolized you, and he learned a lot from you about mechanics and about animals. You were a positive role model for Morgan, and to this day he gives you credit for his life choice to be a mechanic. As I write this I realize how remiss I was not to tell you this when I could have. You will live in our memories and in our hearts.

*Roz Fuller*

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**Roz Fuller** - August 25, 2018 at 11:08 PM