



Ralph Eugene Cure

February 11, 1941 - February 5, 2026

Ralph E. Cure, 84, of Grand Island, passed away on February 5, 2026, just six days shy of his 85th birthday at Country House Memory Care in Grand Island, surrounded by his loving family.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at All Faiths Funeral Home, Dan Naranjo will officiate. Visitation will be held on Tuesday evening from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial of ashes will take place at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with serving the family. Online condolences may be left at giallfaiths.com.

Ralph was born on February 11, 1941, the 13TH child of Guy Homer Cure and Fannie Bell (Patch) Cure in Akron, Colorado.

He was united in marriage to Linda L. Nielsen on August 13, 1960, in Custer County, Nebraska. They were married 65 years. This union was blessed with daughters, Sandra Kay and Sheri Lynn, and sons, Jerry Dean and Justin Eugene. They eventually settled in Grand Island, where they raised their children.

At the age of 16, Ralph left Akron, Colorado and went to Brownwood, Texas to drive truck for his brother-in-law, Doyle Senkirik (Phyllis).

He then moved to Ansley, Nebraska to work for the telephone company with his brother, Bill. One evening while dragging main street Ansley with one of his buddies, Don Kelly, a couple of pretty girls caught their eye.

This is when Ralph met Linda and a romance ensued. Linda was still a student at Ansley High at the time. Ralph went back to Texas to haul a few more loads for Doyle. While he was away, he sent many love letters back to Nebraska. As the story goes, he was homesick for Linda, he came back and proposed.

In their early years of marriage, Ralph worked for several local farmers in the Ansley/Broken Bow area before getting on with Missouri Valley. He famously helped to build Interstate 80 between Grand Island and Lexington.

He left Missouri Valley when Sandy was born and they went back to Broken Bow where he drove truck for Romans. They moved to Grand Island when he got a job as Head Cowboy at Harrington Feedlot. He rode pens for them for over 14 years until the Feedlot closed. He then bought his own truck and hauled all types of loads, Hay, Mesquite posts from TX, popcorn, seed corn, oil, Anhydrous, jet fuel.

Later in life he bought a grain trailer and hauled for local farmers.

He retired but then came out of retirement to drive truck with Jerry at Island Land Handlers until his early 70's. After which he helped a few local farmers at harvest time for a few years.

He enjoyed horses, cattle, dogs, hunting, traveling, horse races and Council Bluffs. Camping, fishing, and playing cards were other favorite pastimes he shared with family and friends such as, Gene and Janice Simmons and Bob and Pat Moss.

Ralph competed in Rodeos in calf roping and team roping.

While at Harrington's Ralph raised a beautiful Palomino Stud by the name of Jessie's Return by Jessie James Leo. Many wonderful Cutting Horses were sired by Jessie.

His kids were very involved with horses, showing in 4-H, Standard Quarter Horse shows and American Quarter Horse shows.

Ralph and Jerry had a cow/calf operation north of Grand Island for many years.

Ralph and Linda were able to do a lot of traveling. They went on an Amtrak trip with Linda's brother, Kenny and his wife, Olive...Much fun was had. They also went to Alaska.

Hunting was one of Ralph's passions and he got to deer hunt with friends and his sons and grandsons.

They raised Boston Terriers for a while; a favorite of the family was, Joe and of course Joe's girlfriend (Taffy).

Those left to cherish his memory, his wife, Linda; his daughters, Sandy (Mike) Whitehead of Lennox, SD and Sheri Cure (significant other, Steve Hoffmeiste); and his sons, Jerry Cure, and Justin (Shentell) Cure, all of Grand Island, NE.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Heath Petzoldt, Heather (Clint) Brahmsteadt, Hilary (Taylor) Miller, Holly (Seth) Boshart, Kurt Payne, Kyle Payne, Cody Cure, Tyler Salter, Jovi Cure, Turner Happold, Rya Happold,

Myra Whitehead, and Katelynd (Joe) Hendrickson; his great-grandchildren; Wilder, Axen, Addison, Wyatt, Dillon, Easton, Taycee, Stevi, Reese, Rowyn, Jace, and Jett.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Fannie; siblings, Floyd, Fern, Clarence (Jerry), George, Lula May, Virgil, Julia, Beulah, Winston (Dean), Mildred, William (Bill), and Phyllis.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Memorial Park

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ralph Eugene Cure*



All Faiths Funeral Home - February 11 at 10:30 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ralph Eugene Cure.*



February 10 at 02:30 PM



“ *To the best and funniest uncle a person could ever have, the memories of all the times he would come hunting with me and Gary will be forever embedded in memories never forgotten. Ralph was one in a million, rest in the hands of God, love you uncle Ralph. Dr. Jim Cure, Colorado State Trooper, retires*

Dr. Jim Cure - February 09 at 08:26 PM

SH

“ Shane and Sandy Hickey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Eugene Cure.

Shane and Sandy Hickey - February 08 at 06:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph Eugene Cure.



February 08 at 06:11 PM

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“ -- purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Ralph Eugene Cure.



-- - February 07 at 04:07 PM

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“ Church Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Ralph Eugene Cure.



Church Family - February 07 at 01:24 PM

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“ I worked with Ralph at Harrington Feed Yards. Great guy and always a gentleman. Loved when Linda would stop in the office to visit. RIP Ralph.

Sandy Burr (Schwieger) - February 07 at 09:48 AM

DB

“ Our prayers and sympathy to Linda, Sandy, Sheri and the entire family. Denise & Bob Baker

Denise Baker - February 07 at 09:45 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph Eugene Cure.



February 06 at 10:03 PM

DW

“ David n Leslea Walczyk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Eugene Cure.

David n Leslea Walczyk - February 06 at 10:03 PM

SN

“ Stacy, Lonnie and Dillon Nickels planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Eugene Cure.

Stacy, Lonnie and Dillon Nickels - February 06 at 04:42 PM

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“ Stacy, Lonnie and Dillon Nickels purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ralph Eugene Cure.



Stacy, Lonnie and Dillon Nickels - February 06 at 04:42 PM

LL

“ The first time I ever saw him, he was standing at the foot of the bed his sister and I were sleeping in with a pan of water. He threw the whole thing at us. He made the mistake of dropping the pan when he ran outside as fast as he could go. Phyllis was about to kill him but I got up, went to the kitchen put more water in the pan. and snuck out to throw it on him. He laughed and laughed, as he put his arm around my shoulder and told me, "Hey sis, we're gonna get along." He came to live with us that October and was there for off, and on for the next year. Such a dear soul. Love you Ralph.

Lea--his sister in law - February 06 at 04:22 PM

LW

My Uncle Ralph is, was and always will be my favorite Uncle....my Dad, Bill Cure, was a real stickler when it came to his horses and he was always riding me to be better than I thought I could be...this led to many arguments between us in my early years before I realized that he wanted to teach me the right way to do things and I usually left crying and frustrated....one day at a horse Dad was on my case as us and I left crying...Uncle Ralph came and found me, put his arms around and told "don't give up get in there and show him you know what you're doing because you do a good job with these horses and your Dad knows it he just doesn't know how to tell you that you're doing good... don't give up on him because he loves you Les he's just a cowboy who doesn't know how to tell a girl that he's actually proud of her...instead he pushes you because he knows you can do anything you set your heart and mind to do". I knew I always respected and loved Ralph even more from then on....hope to see you in Heaven riding horses altogether someday soon....love you

Leslea Cure- Walczyk - February 06 at 09:35 PM