



David Henry Kreikemeier

October 7, 1934 - April 9, 2025

David Henry Kreikemeier, age 90 of Fort Collins, CO passed away April 9, 2025, at Pathways Hospice, surrounded by family.

David was born on October 7, 1934 on the family farm near West Point, Nebraska to Alois and Matilda Kreikemeier and grew up with siblings Bob, Mary Ann, and Kenny. He loved playing baseball on local teams, working the family farm, and guiding Pumpy, the pony, with his sister, Mary Ann, to school.

He attended The Josephinum Seminary in Ohio for several years, but then returned home to help with the farm. He then met the love of his life and future dance partner, Betty, when they were members of the church choir.

In 1959, he picked up his burgeoning family and moved to Bellvue, CO. He began his job at the local dairy where he worked for 40 years. He was quickly promoted to herd manager. There he became known as an expert in many technical skills, animal care, and was always a helpful neighbor. He saved the life of a seriously injured lumberjack, fought fires, rescued and doctored animals, delivered calves, mentored many aspiring dairy farmers, inspired many younger relatives, and over the years helped countless people. He taught his children by example how to work hard, be loyal, helpful, and trustworthy. He retired there in 2000.

After an initial retirement of 3 months, he worked 10 more years at a green house, inspired by his love of gardening. During that era, he spent the autumn months helping his son-in-law with the Iowa corn and soybean harvest.

He and Betty became avid square dancers during their empty nest phase and danced weekly. They traveled extensively to pursue this passion. They also enjoyed attending the athletic and other school performances of their grandkids; their schedule was always full. They loved playing cards and games with family and friends.

David is survived by his beloved wife Betty, sister Mary Ann Emmanuel, children Lori Johnson , Jean Flattery(Terry), Alan(Nora), Dean(Dawn), Joe, Jim, Jill Boyle(Larry); 16 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Alois and Matilda, brothers Bob and Kenny, and son Billy.

Dave was a devout Catholic and shared his love of God and faith with his family. He was hard working, always serving others, before himself. He loved his family above all and he will be missed dearly.

A funeral mass will be held 10:30 am, Friday, April 25, 2025 at Saint John XXIII Catholic Church, 1220 University Ave. Interment will follow at Roselawn Cemetery.

Dave donated gallons of blood over his life. In lieu of flowers please consider blood or platelet donation at your local blood bank if you can or contribute to the Garth Englund Blood Donation Center (via UC Health Northern Colorado Foundation) in his memory: <https://www.uchealthnocoofoundation.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR **25**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Saint John XXIII Catholic Church
1220 University Ave.
Fort Collins, 80521

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of David Henry Kreikemeier*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - April 25, 2025 at 03:16 PM

JK

“ *Sausage making with the Ortmeiers*



Jaime Kreikemeier - April 16, 2025 at 10:47 PM

JK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jaime Kreikemeier - April 16, 2025 at 10:42 PM

LK

Thanks for sharing these pictures videos.

larry kreikemeier - April 25, 2025 at 08:31 AM

JK

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Jaime Kreikemeier - April 16, 2025 at 10:37 PM

JB

“ Tribute to Dad

The Hat

Dad,

I was going to bed for the night. I saw your stocking cap on the floor and cried out, “Dad. I’ll hang your hat up for you.” As I touched your hat, I thought about the last time I saw you wear that hat. It was the last time I saw you alive and we prayed.

Your hat kept you warm like you kept your family warm. The warmth from the wood stove permeated the house where your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren gathered. You worked so hard to gather the wood and stoke the fire which would last throughout the night.

Your hat kept you warm like the warmth you shared every time you would smile, you would make a funny joke, or you would teach me new dance steps in the kitchen.

Your hat kept you warm like the warmth that flowed from you as you selflessly donated gallons of blood, sacrificed your needs to meet the needs and wants of your children, and showed us what true FAITH really is.

Your hat kept you warm like the warmth and protection you gave to my mother-the love of your life.

Your hat kept you warm but now you have the warmth of God’s loving embrace. “Dad. I’ll hang your hat up for you.”

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9

Jill Kreikemeier Boyle - April 16, 2025 at 11:21 AM

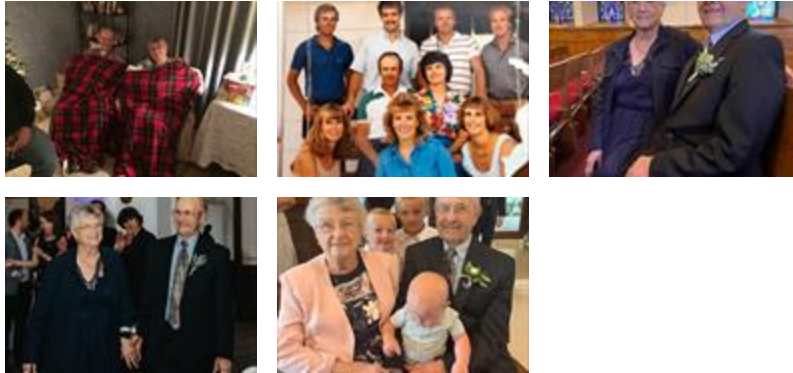
JF

That is beautiful, Jill!

Jean Flattery - April 16, 2025 at 04:10 PM

DE

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Dean - April 14, 2025 at 12:24 PM

CP

“ *As cousins of Betty's, we spent time visiting with them over the years and enjoyed his sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.*
Catherine Huhman Placzek

Catherine Huhman Placzek - April 14, 2025 at 08:57 AM

CM

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all of you.*



Carol & Dave Mann - April 13, 2025 at 09:16 PM

JF

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Jean Flattery - April 13, 2025 at 07:59 PM

JF

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Jean Flattery - April 13, 2025 at 07:36 PM

JK

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Joe Kreikemeier - April 13, 2025 at 06:06 PM

JK

One of my favorite recent photos of Dad was this Iowa sunset on a visit for the harvest season. I miss him dearly.

Joe Kreikemeier - April 13, 2025 at 06:08 PM

JF

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Jean Flattery - April 13, 2025 at 06:01 PM

AK

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Alan Kreikemeier - April 13, 2025 at 05:50 PM

CS

“ I remember at Jeanne’s wedding he asked me to dance, (I love to dance), but was a bit intimidated as I have seen him on the dance floor with Aunt Betty. As we were dancing, I thought, yep..... he’s a really good dancer and leader. I really enjoyed it! Also I’m grateful to have spent time with him (and Aunt Betty) the last few years when Judy and I brought Dad and Mom out to Colorado for a visit. He was always so kind and such a good visitor. I was impressed how he maneuvered the iPad to show us pictures. I also enjoyed how he took us to tour the dairy and all of the information about it was so interesting! Praying for all of you! Rest in peace Uncle Dave. Love-Carol

Carol Svehla - April 13, 2025 at 01:09 PM