



Garold Lee McCan

November 18, 1941 - December 8, 2025

Garold Lee McCan, 84, passed away peacefully after a struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was born in Kearney, Nebraska on November 18, 1941, to Frank and Emily McCan. His twin, Darold, tragically did not survive birth.

As a boy in Kearney, Garold joined the Future Farmers of America and worked on farms, but an extended farm life was not to be. After his graduation from Kearney High School, Garold enrolled in Kearney State College, where he met his future wife, Betty Meier, during her first day on campus. He graduated in the Class of '65 with a major in Physical Science and minor in Math. The following month, he and Betty were married. The family was completed by the arrival of two children, Brenda and Matthew.

Soon after graduation, Garold made good use of his studies in his career at Northwestern Bell. He started out in the Nebraska Panhandle as a Kimball/North Platte Lineman, then moved his young family to Omaha upon his promotion to Systems Analyst. In this and other capacities, he wrote code for billing systems, among many other computer programming activities. He was with the company in its various iterations until his early retirement in 1990, but he never became a man of leisure. Eschewing post-retirement office life, he kept busy as a school bus driver, among other jobs and pursuits.

Constantly active, Garold could and did perform most every kind of home and auto repair, saving much money in the process. He constructed everything from beautiful furniture to car trailers and other equipment, all from his well-appointed shop. He progressed from his early restoration of a '58 Chevy to his later-in-life restoration of his father's "mid-century modern" John Deere 720 tractor. Along with other members of his Antique Tractor Club, he enjoyed driving in Elkhorn town parades. He studied for a private pilot's license, rode a purple motorcycle, and traded that in for a beautiful blue Corvette. For their 50th wedding anniversary, he and Betty treated their family to a beautiful cruise around the Hawaiian Islands.

Garold was an active member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Elkhorn and participated in its maintenance committee, where on one occasion he put his tractor through its paces pulling up trees. Always a country boy at heart, Garold was known for his humor and his willingness to lend a hand to help others. He will be dearly missed.

Garold was preceded in death by his father, Frank McCan; mother, Emily McCan; and twin brother, Darold. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his daughter, Brenda McCan; his son, Matt McCan; his daughter-in-law, Janel McCan; his brother, Duane McCan; and his sister, Elaine (McCan) Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, Family suggests memorials to the Nebraska Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
20844 Bonanza Blvd
Elkhorn, NE 68022
(402) 289-3437

Funeral Ceremony

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

DEC 12. 12:30 PM (CT)

Prospect Hill Cemetery
21907 West Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Garold Lee McCan.*



December 11, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Garold Lee McCan.*



December 11, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ *Garold was a devoted husband and father. He was a good provider and enthusiastic hobbyist working on many projects especially restoring a 58 Chevy Impala and his Dad's tractor.*

John 3:8

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The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Garold's life mattered to God, he is home now in the love of God.

Matthew and Janel McCan

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