



George Swan Ritner

October 20, 1937 - January 13, 2026

George Swan Ritner passed away on January 13, 2026, at his home in Valley, Nebraska. George was born on October 20, 1937 to Donald and Dora (King) Ritner in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Growing up George and his brother John were inseparable and this carried over into adulthood. John made lunch for them everyday and they ate at his kitchen table in the farmhouse that they both grew up in. They did everything together. They traveled on vacations with their aunts and uncles and enjoyed fishing at their uncle Lete's resort, Sunnyside Camp at Kenora, Canada.

George graduated from Valley High School in 1955. He worked for a short time at Builders Supply in Omaha and on October 10, 1956 he started his life long career working at the Omaha Livestock Market overseeing the night deliveries. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in March of 1957 and was stationed in Giessen, Germany for 18 months. He was discharged from the Army in March 1959 and returned home to Valley and back to work at the Stockyards where he continued to work until his retirement in October of 1999.

On May 25, 1957 George married Arlene Kay Seefus at the Baptist Presbyterian Church in Valley, Nebraska. George and Arlene lived in the Valley area their entire lives making long lasting relationships with close friends and neighbors.

During his lifetime, George had many animals and they were all his dear pets! From cows to chickens to pigs, cats, kittens, dogs and puppies! Maybe even a horse or two! He participated in 4-H and Future Farmers of America during his

school years. He fed, watered and pitched hay to his small herd of cattle until the last of his life! He loved them and they were like pets to him.

George is survived by his daughter Cheryl and her husband Mark, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Arlene and brother John.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Funeral Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sympathy Meat & Cheese Gift Crate was purchased for the family of George Swan Ritner.*



January 28 at 08:44 PM



“ *Paula Harris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Swan Ritner.*

Paula Harris - January 28 at 08:44 PM



“ *George Ritner was a great man who carried on the legacy of the the great King family. A man who served his nation, worked all his life nurturing the crops and animals that are necessary to feeding this nation. I remember George as a great high school running back with great speed. He lived a long and fruitful life and we thank him for his contributions to the the Valley community. Tom Johnson*

Thomas Johnson - January 17 at 02:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Swan Ritner.*



January 16 at 04:14 PM

BV

“ Brian and Londa Vencil purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of George Swan Ritner.



Brian and Londa Vencil - January 16 at 09:44 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of George Swan Ritner.



January 16 at 07:20 AM

DC

“ Darin and Karen Carlson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Swan Ritner.

Darin and Karen Carlson - January 16 at 07:20 AM