



## Henry Alfrey

July 20, 1937 - October 8, 2021

Henry “Hank” Alfrey was born July 20, 1937 in Louisville, Nebraska to Elbert and Henrietta (Biggs) Alfrey, the 7th of 8 children. As with any large, small town family, there was an abundance of activity, chaos, and love in the household. Hank grew up in Louisville, where he attended school, beginning in kindergarten until graduating from Louisville High School in 1955. Following high school, he earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Secondary Education from Wayne State College in 1959. His passion for education led Hank to earn his Master’s Degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as a Specialist Degree from UNO. Growing up, Hank loved playing and watching sports, and he was active in football, basketball, track and baseball.

Hank honorably served his country in the United States Army from October 9, 1959 until his official discharge in August 1961.

Hank married Dorothy “Dee” Potts on July 30, 1961 (he was discharged from the Army one month early to attend the wedding!) at the United Methodist Church in Weeping Water, Nebraska, and to this union, two sons were born; Jeff and Doug. The family lived in Papillion, Nebraska from 1966 to 2013.

Hank then moved to Elkhorn to be closer to his sons.

Hank began his teaching and coaching career in 1960 in Avoca, Nebraska, then worked as a teacher and coach in Weeping Water. He became the Principal of Tara Heights Elementary School in Papillion in 1966, and was named Principal of Parkview Heights in Papillion in 1968. His next mission was to open LaVista Junior High School as Principal in 1976. He retired from

Papillion/La Vista Public Schools in 1997. Due to his years of service and leadership, Hank was inducted into the Papillion/La Vista Public Schools Hall of Fame. In addition to his teaching and administrative functions, Hank was involved in a variety of educational organizations at the local and state level. Hank was a caring, supportive, and charming man, with a great sense of humor. He became a mentor to many who passed through his schools. He was a huge supporter of Youth For Christ, and was eager to volunteer at many of their functions over the years. He cheered proudly for the Royals, Cubs, and Huskers, and enjoyed country music, which he always had playing in his room if you came to visit him. He could often be found sipping an Arnold Palmer, and enjoyed going out for Mexican food. You may have even had a conversation with him that began with, "Let me tell you a story...". Hank truly loved his family and friends deeply, and would do anything to help and support them. He cherished his family, and his passion was to attend every event; whether it was his son's activities and sports while they grew up, or his grandkid's activities, Hank made it a point to be present. He loved his family deeply and cherished his 50 years with Dee. He treasured his two daughters-in-law, Lisa and Chandra, and was proud to have them be part of the family, and he held a special place in his heart for his only granddaughter, Shea. Hank died Friday, October 8, 2021 at Elk Ridge Assisted Living in Elkhorn, Nebraska at the age of 84 years, 2 months, and 19 days. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy "Dee" Alfrey, and grandson Nick Alfrey. Hank is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law Jeff & Lisa Alfrey of Elkhorn, and Doug & Chandra of Omaha, grandchildren; Brett & (Gabby), Austin & (Maria), Cole, Seth, and Shea, sister and brother-in-law Dora "Lue" & Earl Hrabik of Louisville, NE, brother-in-law Jim Potts of Papillion, and sister-in-law Louise Alfrey of Nebraska.

Funeral service Monday, October 18, 10:30 AM, Christ Community Church, 404 S. 108th Ave, Omaha. Interment Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn. Visitation Sunday, October 17, from Noon-6 PM with family receiving friends

from 4-6 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Omaha Youth for Christ, or the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road  
Omaha, NE 68022

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn  
21901 W. Maple Rd.  
P.O. Box 711  
Elkhorn, NE 68022  
402-289-2222  
[services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](mailto:services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)  
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

## Family will receive friends

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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OCT **18**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Christ Community Church  
404 South 108th Avenue  
Omaha, NE 68154

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Henry Alfrey*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - October 14, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Henry Alfrey*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *What a lovely man! Seeing his face in this picture just brought a smile to mine. Mr. Alfrey was my grade school principal nearly 50 years ago! He apparently made quite an impression as both of my parents recalled him also and let me know of his passing. I assure you it was NOT because I was in trouble much as a kid! He was genuinely a great educator and I consider myself blessed to have known him then. My deepest sympathies to the family for their loss.*

*~Michelle Conrad (Kralik)*

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**Michelle Conrad** - October 12, 2021 at 07:00 PM

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*Hank was a good friend and colleague. He was an outstanding educator and touched many lives. He will be greatly missed.*

*stan Hale, Vice Principal, Millard South H.S. (retired)*

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**Stan Hale** - October 13, 2021 at 08:35 AM

MH

*Uncle Hank was always invested in his grandkids/nieces/nephews and was SO proud of them! I will cherish the memories of him in Lake Havasu when I was living in Bullhead City, AZ. He would specifically take time to come and visit me when he could. I will always hold those memories close to me.*

*Such a great man!*

*MJ Hrabik*

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**MJ Hrabik** - October 18, 2021 at 11:06 AM

HS

*A joy to visit with and always had a smile on his face!*

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**Hilarie Seelhoff** - October 18, 2021 at 12:39 PM