



Merrill W. Mueller

July 15, 1941 - November 9, 2025

SERVICES FOR MERRILL HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED

The celebration of life will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 2 PM at the Elkhorn Eagles Club

Merrill W. Mueller was born July 15, 1941, in Omaha, Nebraska to Werner and LaVerne (Denker) Mueller. Merrill grew up in Elkhorn, where he attended school. From an early age, Merrill worked on the family farm, and he had a hand in farming for the rest of his life.

Merrill married Sue Wollen on September 12, 1959, and to this union, four children were born: Jeff, Joyce, Jill and Joie. The couple later divorced.

Merrill worked as a heavy equipment operator, worked on a ranch in Burwell, Nebraska, then started his own trucking company, moving to Elkhorn, and then settled near Mead, Nebraska in 1980. In Mead, Merrill did custom hay, as well as cow and calf herding. In one way or another, he was always working with cattle and was known across the Midwest as one of the best “cow guys”. Merrill was a tough, ornery man, who was a great storyteller, and was willing to help anybody with anything. If he wasn’t working with the cattle, he enjoyed riding horses and spending time in the pasture watching the eagles’ soar. He also had a knack at hunting for mushrooms. Merrill had passionate eyes that sparkled when he grinned, especially when he was poking fun at the boys. He was proud to have passed one million miles on his semi.

Merrill passed away on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at Arbor Care Center-

Valhaven in Valley, Nebraska at the age of 84 years, 3 months and 25 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Werner and Laverne, his sister, Joyce Mueller Raether, and his ex-wife Sue Mueller. Merrill is survived by his children: Jeff (Wendy) Mueller of Blair, NE, Joyce Mueller of Omaha, Jill (Kevin) Mueller Hartman of Valley, NE and Joie Mueller Crane of Omaha, 6 grandchildren: Nathan (Makayla) Redwing, Natasha Redwing, Nicholas (Katie) Hartman, Neil Hartman, Charlie Crane, and Tyler Crane, 4 great grandchildren: Clementine Redwing, Merigold Redwing, Colt Jay Hartman and Stryker Hartman, brothers and sisters: Monte (Sandy) Mueller of Yutan, NE, Lori Gottsch of Elkhorn, Lisa (Donny) O'Dell of Elkhorn, nephews Mike Mueller and Matt (Stephanie) Mueller. He is also survived by his longtime partner Darlene Coyle and her children Pat Coyle, Mike (Misty) Coyle and Janelle Coyle, and her 8 grandchildren: Jordan, Tyler, J.T., Jayden, Trey, Mason, Harper and Hope. Merrill also is survived by his loving, devoted companion Diane Halterman, her daughters: Jane Bussen, Janette Demaray, and Janet Christensen, and their families.

There will be a gathering for family and friends of Merrill at the Elkhorn Eagles Club on Saturday January 24, 2026, beginning at 2 PM. Food and drinks will be served.

Previous Events

Gathering of family and friends

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Elkhorn Eagles Club
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Tribute Wall

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Joyce Egr - November 14, 2025 at 09:27 PM

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Merrill isn't someone you never foget even if you have not seen him for awhile. My husband Dan Egr and Merrill and Monte enjoyed playing some pranks or just feeding BS to whoever they could. Merrill always knew you and you could tell he was happy to see you. Merrill seem to have bad luck follow him. He deserved to have the best in life. There are people who pass away and you dont miss them, and then there are some who you will never forget. Merrill was a friend to all. My sympathy to the family they had a very rich father maybe not in wealth but he had so many friends, he will not be forgotten. He has a place in heaven.

Joyce Egr - November 19, 2025 at 02:43 PM