

# GARY

November 1, 1946 - January 26, 2021

Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

# PALLBEARERS

Tony Eitzmann Rob Ostdiek

Dean Meyer James Vorderstrasse

CR Easton Roger Crouse

Jay Smith

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Seth Gissler Quinlan Vondra

Kashton Kremer Roger Eitzmann

Don Petersen Bill Easton

Alan Porter

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the amazing showering of support, warm-hearted messages, floral tributes, food gifts, and other gestures of kindness we've received during this incredibly difficult time. We feel so loved and blessed!

- All our Love, Arleeta and Family

# ORDER OF SERVICE

### MUSICAL PRELUDE

Jeremiah & Quinlan Vondra

EULOGY

Jody Vondra

MUSIC

Jealous Of The Angels

### SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:3-5 by Peyton Gissler Psalm 23 by Tori Vondra Matthew 11:28 by Kamryn Kremer

MESSAGE

Pastor Brian Faust

MEMORY TRIBUTE

OBITUARY READING

Tony Eitzmann

RECESSIONAL

The Cowboy Rides Away



# OBITUARY

On Tuesday January 26, 2021, Gary Lee Gunn – Adored father, loving husband, treasured Papa – passed peacefully to his heavenly home surrounded by his family at the age of 74.

Gary made a grand entrance into this world November 1, 1946 in Edgar, NE to Gayle and Arlyne Gunn. He was baptized at his

home in Edgar, NE in 1947 and confirmed his faith in the Lord at the Hardy Union Church in 1959. As a kid, Gary could always be found outside – riding horses, helping on the farm, fishing, playing with cousins and working hard to keep his sister Barbara on her toes. He graduated from Hardy High School in 1965 where he was a standout athlete. He later studied coaching and physical education at Kearney State College where he continued his football career and served in the Army National Guard. It was during this time that he met the love of his life, Arleeta Doehring. They were united in marriage in 1970. After completing his studies, he returned to the farm to begin his legendary 50-year farming career.

He loved the farm, hunting, fishing, horses and livestock. He approached his farming in the same way that he approached his life – with hard work, humility and humor. Gary's greatest accomplishment in his life was his family. He and Arleeta were blessed with three daughters: Angie, Jody & Marcy. Anyone who knew Gary, knew his girls were the light of his life. He grounded his family in a bond of faith and love. This was demonstrated by countless memories - fishing, camping, vacations, school activities, Nanathons, hunting camps and weekends at Papa and Nana's.

While Gary had many accomplishments in this life, he will be remembered most for the people he impacted. He was large in stature, character and heart - a stranger to no one and a friend to many. He loved to make people laugh! He cheered for the underdog, found the best in everyone, and always left the room a little happier than he found it. While he didn't pursue a teaching career, he was "the professor" to many – particularly at Gunn University. To all the students he has mentored through the years, you must now become the teacher. The professor is officially on sabbatical.

Gary was proceeded in death by his parents Gayle and Arlyne Gunn and his sister Barbara Eitzmann. He is survived by his wife of 50 years Arleeta Gunn; his three daughters Angela (Layne) Gissler, Jody (Jeremiah) Vondra, Marcy (Matthew) Kremer; grandchildren - Seth & Peyton Gissler, Victoria & Quinlan Vondra, Kamryn & Kashton Kremer; nieces & nephews – Tony (Joni) Eitzmann, Kris (Rob) Ostdiek, Shelly Doehring, Madison (Ryan) Early, Joshua Doehring, Tyler (Kate) Doehring, Carley (Nathaniel) Zuercher; and a host of family and friends.