

Jerry Roger Ketcham, son of Merrill Wilbur and Jessie Mae (Courtney) Ketcham, was born on August 5, 1944 at Hand Hospital in Shenandoah, Iowa. He passed away at the age of 73 on Friday, February 2, 2018 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Jerry grew up on the family farm, which was recently recognized as a Century Farm. He graduated from Shenandoah High School in 1962 and was actively involved in Track and 4H. Following graduation, he attended Iowa State University for two years before joining the Nebraska Army National Guard from 1965 until 1971.

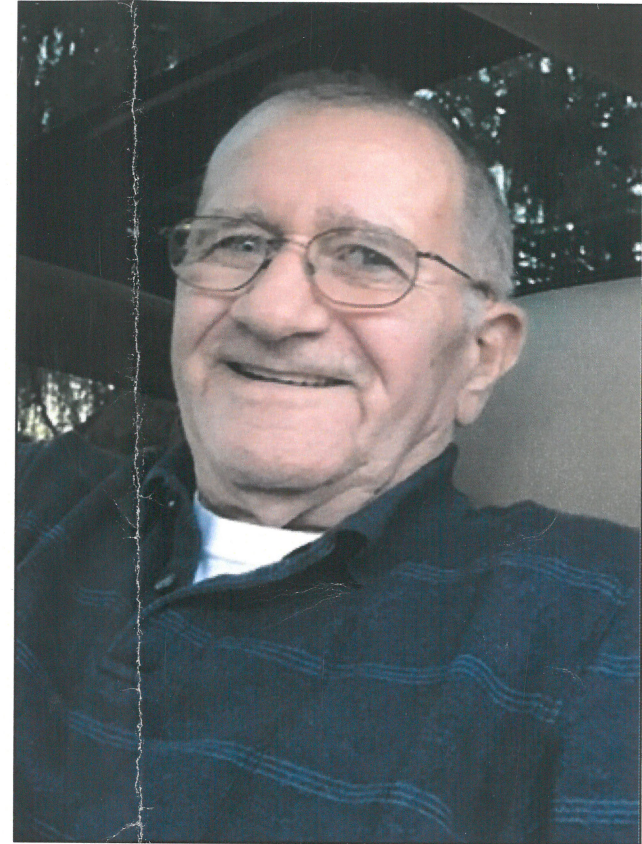
On February 5, 1966 he was united in marriage to Kathryn Ann Hodges at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shenandoah. They lived in Nebraska City for a brief period of time before moving to Shenandoah. In 1976, Jerry's parents retired from living on the family farm and moved into town. At that time, Jerry and Kathy moved to the farm with their two oldest daughters, where he farmed until 1998 and lived the remainder of his life.

Jerry worked for Hodges Construction from 1966 to 2000, when he started Ketcham Construction. Jerry celebrated his retirement on his 70th birthday. He was a member of the Elks Club, Izaak Walton League and Nishna Valley Christian Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trap shooting, and target shooting with his grandkids, sons-in-law and friends. Jerry also enjoyed playing cards, golfing and spending time with family and friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father Merrill, mother Jessie, infant sister Debra Kay, and father-in-law Kenneth "Jack" Hodges.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife Kathy Ketcham of Shenandoah, and their four daughters; Kristi Murphy of Kansas City, Missouri, Nicki Oss (Todd) of Sioux City, Iowa, Dusti Dalton (Jeff) of Iowa City, Iowa and Mandi Meyer (Shawn) of Grain Valley, Missouri. Six grandchildren; Jordan and Skylar Murphy, Nolan Oss, Hayden, Ketcham and Holt Meyer, and great-grandson Brantley Baker. Brother Larry Ketcham (Nancy) of Hot Springs, Arkansas, sister Carol Ketcham of Omaha, Nebraska, and many other family and friends.

Celebrating the Life of Jerry Roger Ketcham



Born
August 5, 1944
Shenandoah, Iowa

Entered Into Rest
February 2, 2018
Omaha, Nebraska





“I Thought of You Today”

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday, and the days before that too.

I think of you in silence. I often speak your name.
All I have are memories, and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part.
God has you in his keeping... I have you in my heart.

-Anonymous

A Celebration of Life
Nishna Valley Christian Church
Shenandoah, Iowa
Wednesday ~ February 7, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Words of Comfort
Pastor Jack Langley

Sharing of Remembrances
Kelly Murphy Cliff Caton

Memorial Register
Renaë Vacek

Ushers
Dick Lantz George Shaw

Music
“Amazing Grace”
“Angels Among Us”
A Tribute to Marriage

Vocalist
Adam Wright Sara Wright
Stephanie Dudley Kathy Langley

Pianist ~ Bev Sandahl

Casket Bearers
Chris Hilton Justin Marshall Darin Pease
Adam Sandahl Chris Lantz Andy Rhine Jon Anderson

Honorary Casket Bearers
Tate Larson Bob Marshall Dave Freeze
Lou Saner CD Pease Wally Reibsell

Place of Rest
Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

Military Rites
Shenandoah American Legion Post 88 Color Guard

Memorials
The Shepherd’s Gift or Nishna Valley Christian Church

Immediately following the funeral service everyone is invited for fellowship and lunch in the church hall, before the graveside services at the cemetery.