



## Garry Esser

November 24, 1939 - May 1, 2020

Garry Lee Esser, 80, of Fair Play passed away on Friday, May 1, 2020 at his home.

Garry was born on November 24, 1939 in Nebraska City, NE, the son of John and Alma (Jordan) Esser. He married Susan Smith on May 5, 1960 in Las Cruces, NM and together they were just 4 days shy of celebrating 60 years of marriage.

Surviving along with Susan are: two sons, John C Esser (Lisa) of Nebraska City, NE and Fred (Stacie) Esser of Piedmont, MO; one daughter, Cindy Frantz (Carl) of Derby, KS. 5 grandchildren: Chris (Traci) Esser, Justin Frantz, Jordan Frantz, Nick Esser, Haylee Esser.

Garry served four years in the United States Air Force and achieved the rank of Sergeant before discharging. He then worked 21 years as a criminal investigator for the Nebraska State Patrol, achieving the rank of Sergeant before retiring in 1995. Throughout his career he gained membership in the Police Officers Association, the Nebraska Sheriff's Association, the Nebraska Association of Polygraph Examiners, and American Legion.

Garry enjoyed hunting and the outdoors, often heading up to Canada for fishing trips. He was known by his family as a "piddler," as in "he just liked to

piddle around on things at home.” He will be sorely missed by his family.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a private service will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to donate to The Salvation Army, the Wounded Warrior Project or the American Heart Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 S. Southwood  
Springfield, MO 65804

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Garry Esser*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Garry Esser*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *So hard sometimes to find the right words. Garry and I reconnected a few years ago and I enjoyed trips to the old place for the July 4th celebrations. We would share memories of growing up in Nebraska City and we always laughed at how we each remembered the same event but in a different way. My sympathy and prayers for Aunt Sue and family. Uncle Garry will be missed.*  
*Linda (Esser) Deaver*

Linda Deaver - May 09, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ *Sometimes it is really hard to find the right words about someone you cared about. I am just so thankful that after years of not being in touch we were able to reconnect at the July 4th get togethers. We would visit and remember our days growing up together in Nebraska City and we laughed at how we each remembered certain events but in different ways. My sympathy and love to Aunt Sue and all the family. Uncle Garry will be missed.*  
*Linda (Esser) Deaver*

Linda Deaver - May 09, 2020 at 09:59 AM

LD

“ Sometimes it is really hard to find the right words to express how we feel. I am just so grateful I was able to reconnect with Garry and Sue after so many years of not being in touch and to be able to go to the July 4th celebrations. We grew up together and he was just a couple years older than me so never thought of him as an uncle. On the July 4th visits we shared our memories of growing up in Nebraska City and we would laugh at how we each remembered the same event only in different ways. Much love and sympathy to Aunt Sue and the family. Uncle Garry will be missed.

Linda Deaver - May 09, 2020 at 09:49 AM

JT

“ My condolences to all of the Esser family. I had the pleasure of being an investigator and stationed in Columbus at the same time as Garry. We worked several cases together and shared a good laugh over some. Garry was a very good investigator.

Jane Tooley - May 08, 2020 at 07:25 PM

KF

“ Esser Family we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Garry. I use to enjoy hearing my Grandma Emma tell stories about her baby brother Garry.

Kimberly Frymyer (Crook) Stevens, Pennsylvania

Kimberly Frymyer - May 07, 2020 at 06:50 PM

TC

“ The Casters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Garry Esser.



The Casters - May 06, 2020 at 11:29 PM

LB

“ *Sending our love and prayers to all of your family. Steve, Linda, and Brinkman family*

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**Linda Brinkman** - May 06, 2020 at 03:46 PM

DH

“ *I have fond memories of working with Garry when he was working out of Columbus. In the late afternoon/early evenings when he would walk to Susan's work place, he would walk past our house. Many times he would visit briefly. My youngest daughter was often there too. As was the fashion in those days her tennis shoes were always untied with loose laces. Garry would always make a comment about her shoes were untied and grin while waiting for her to explain to him (again) that she knew they untied and that was the way it was supposed to be. She had fun playing that game with him. He was a great co-worker and friend.*

*Dennis Hansen. NSP 208R*

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**Dennis Hansen** - May 06, 2020 at 01:24 PM

DL

*I am saddened to hear of Garry's passing. He was my polygraph supervisor and mentor. When Garry retired from NSP, I was promoted into his old position and we even bought his and Susan's GI home. Garry was a truly good man who will be remembered fondly by so many.*

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**Dennis Leonard** - May 10, 2020 at 08:42 PM

KW

“ *Esser Family- I was very sorry to learn of Gary's passing. I was a member of the 21st Training Camp with Gary. I didn't work closely with him after we graduated, but would run into him occasionally and always enjoyed his company. My sincere condolences to you.*

*Keith Wagner, R-381 Nebraska State Patrol*

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**Keith Wagner** - May 06, 2020 at 12:40 PM

DC

“ *I am blessed to have known and loved my Uncle Garry for my entire 76 years. He was truly a model and a blessing in my life and that of my Mother, Father and Sister. The Esser clan has lost the cement that helped to bind the extended family together. He hosted the annual 4th of July family gathering and celebration of Grandma Essers birthday at the home place for years. It was a good thing and I will miss him so.*

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**Dewey Caster** - May 05, 2020 at 05:34 PM

JA

“ *Jackie(esser)Lueders lit a candle in memory of Garry Esser*



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**Jackie(esser)Lueders** - May 05, 2020 at 05:18 PM

JE

“ Jackie (Lueders) Esser purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Garry Esser.



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**Jackie (Lueders) Esser** - May 05, 2020 at 05:11 PM

GS

“ Susan and Family, we are so sorry to hear of Garry's passing. Jerry has a lot of fond memories of fishing, arrow head hunting and working on the Patrol with Garry. Our sympathy to the family.  
Jerry (#184) and LaVonne Schmitt  
Ord, NE

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**Gerald and LaVonne Schmitt** - May 05, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garry Esser.



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May 05, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Garry Esser.



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May 05, 2020 at 01:51 PM

MM

“ Susan and family, Thinking of you and Garry with so much love in our hearts. May you find your memories a lifelong tribute to Garry. I have so many wonderful memories and he will always be close to my heart. Love Marg

Marg Mueller - May 05, 2020 at 01:46 PM

DM

“ Darin And Marg Mueller lit a candle in memory of Garry Esser



Darin and Marg Mueller - May 05, 2020 at 12:51 PM

KE

“ Kevin L. Esser purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Garry Esser.



Kevin L. Esser - May 03, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Garry Esser.



May 03, 2020 at 03:02 PM