



John E. Fishler

January 21, 1940 - May 30, 2026

John Edward Fishler

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved father John Edward Fishler, who departed this life peacefully on May 30, 2026, at the age of 86. John was born on January 12, 1940, in Central City, NE, to Lester and May Fishler.

If we had to sum up our dad in just a few words, we would tell you how hardworking, fiercely loyal and quietly wise he was. He wasn't always a man of many words, but his actions spoke volumes. He set an incredible example for our family.

John was a dedicated loving husband to Hilde, his loving wife of 66 years, and a devoted father to Mary, Steve, Mark, Heidi, and Todd. He was a proud Grandfather to four Grandchildren, Nathan, Jaysen, Emily, and Wyatt and Great Grandson Declan.

John was a hardworking man who loved life's adventures which took him to enlist in the Army in 1957-1962 specialized Airborne Unit 101st and 82nd. As a veteran of the U.S. Army Airborne, John served his country with honor and integrity. He had many stories to tell us about his paratrooping days in Beirut, Lebanon. After his military career, he returned to Central City from Germany with his wife Hilde, married November 24, 1959, and one year old Mary. He

returned to manage the Pawnee Farms after his father passed. Pawnee Farms was internationally recognized as one of the premier breeders of Holstiens. John always loved every aspect of farming.

He retired the farm and finished his working days with the Merrick County Road Department and built a small Explosive/Blasting business. As he called it, "Hobby Adventures", which included blowing up bridges, HWY 14 overpass, beaver dams, silos, sandpits and the old Central City Library. Everyone in town knew when he was up to his blasting antics. He got a kick out of hearing of it later in the day at the local coffee shops. He was a "quiet observant" social man at every single coffee shop that ever existed in Central City throughout his years. He was an active member of the local Sportsman Club and American Legion Post #6.

John and Hilde were avid travelers to National and State Parks. Their adventures also took them back to Hilde's home county of Germany and visiting memories of where they first met. John was always a lover of historical museums, so much so you couldn't get him out of them without a cattle prod.

John's kindness, generosity, and unwavering love for his family will never be forgotten. A funeral service will be held at St. Michaels Catholic Church, at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, they may be sent to the St Michaels Catholic Church, and if you choose donations in John's memory, send to the family.

Survived by:

Wife of 66 Years: Hildegard Fishler

Sisters: Helen Hoelsing, Peggy Dey, Laurel Bockoven

Brothers: Marvin and wife Vicki Fishler, Passed Jim Fishler and present wife Adele, Passed Jonny and wife Mary Jane Hall

Kids: Mary Albright, Steve Fishler life partner Samantha Brooks, Mark Fishler, Heidi Fishler husband Shannon Trice, Todd Fishler wife Tamar Fishler

Grand Children: Nathan Albright, Jaysen Albright, Emily husband Ashton
Francis, Wyatt wife Brittany Fishler
Great Grandchild: Declan Fishler

Cemetery Details

Central City Cemetery

1923 NE-14
Central City, NE 68826
(308) 946-2651

Upcoming Events

Visitation and Rosary

JUN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Michael's Catholic Church
2004 24th St
Central City, NE 68826

Funeral Mass

JUN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John E. Fishler.*



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“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John E. Fishler.*

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