



## Leland J. Greving

July 17, 1932 - June 13, 2020

Leland J. Greving, 87, of Central City, died on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Litzenberg Long Term Care Center, in Central City, being released from the clutches of dementia. Funeral services will be held at Heartland Evangelical Free Church in Central City, on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Zeke Pipher officiating. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday, June 18, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. Interment will be held at the Central City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Heartland Evangelical Free Church and the Alzheimers Association. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.soltwagnerfuneral.com](http://www.soltwagnerfuneral.com).

As an alternative to attending the funeral service at the church, it will be live streamed on the Heartland EFC YouTube site.

Leland Greving was born on July 17, 1932, to Garried H. and Josie (Erickson) Greving in Prairie View, Kansas. He was the youngest of four children. He attended Rock Island Country School through fourth grade and completed his education at Prairie View High School, graduating with the class of 1950. On September 11, 1932, Leland was baptized into the christian faith. On April 17, 1949, Leland made his Public Profession of Faith in Christ and joined the Prairie View Reformed Church of America.

Leland proudly served his country from October, 1952 through 1954 with the

7th Division of the United States Army. Sixteen of these months were spent in Korea. He ended his time in the service as a military police officer. He then returned home to farm. Leland married Shirley Jean Howe (his "jewel" from Jewell County, Kansas) on October 20, 1956, at the Burr Oak Methodist Church. Four children blessed their home: Gregory James, Garry Jay, Ann Jeanine and Jennifer Jo.

Seeking land to farm, Leland and Shirley moved to Chapman, NE, in February, 1958. In November, 1962, they moved to the home place closer to Chapman where they raised their family. In 1984 they moved to Central City.

The couple worshipped with their neighbors as members of the Archer Zion United Methodist Church for fifty years. His faith was strong, and he served his church in many offices. In 2006, they began regularly attending services at the Heartland Evangelical Free Church in Central City and became members in 2008. Leland's faith, family, friends, and farming were his life. He was a kind, loving and devoted husband and father. Leland knew no stranger. His contagious laugh was his trademark. He always treasured coffee time with family and friends. After retirement he enjoyed woodworking. It was with great pleasure that he made items for his family and friends from native walnut wood harvested from the home place.

In 1992, Leland and Shirley connected with Mabel's Mexican Mission Team in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico; helping to build many one room homes for the poorest of poor across the border. In 2000 they began spending winters in Alamo, TX, where they could continue doing mission work. The couple enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, Canada, and especially Holland, from where Leland's four grandparents immigrated.

Leland served on the Soil Conservation Board, the N.R.D Board, and the Merrick County Board of Supervisors from 1980 to 1994. He also served on

the Archer Co-Op Credit Union Board of Directors for over 25 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post #6 and a life member of the FFA Alumni Association.

Those left to cherish Leland's memory are his wife of 63 years, Shirley of Central City, his brother Wayne (Dee) of Pella, Iowa, his children Greg (Betty Smith) of Grand Island, Garry (Vicki) of Chapman, Ann (Kevin Brown) of Chapman, and Jennifer (Steve Pauly) of Doniphan, twelve grandchildren, and twenty-two great grand children, plus several nieces and nephews, all of whom he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Ila and her husband Dick DeWitt, sister Marjorie and her husband Paul Tanis, and sister-in-law, Twyla Boyles and her husband, Delmar.

# Cemetery Details

## Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Evangelical Free Church  
Central City, NE

## Funeral Service

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Heartland Evangelical Free Church  
Central City, NE

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ Our hearts go out to you during this difficult time.

- family of Corby Goerl

Corby Goetl - June 20, 2020 at 09:21 AM

LW

“ Sending our condolences to you all. Laurie and Bob Williams

Laurie Williams - June 19, 2020 at 08:57 AM

MH

“ SHIRLEY and Family I. wish to extend mydeepest sympathy a card is on the way. GOD BLESS you my dear friend. Margo

Margo Hansen - June 18, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Leland J. Greving.



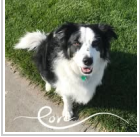
June 17, 2020 at 07:43 PM

KE

“ Keith and Delores Erickson purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Leland J. Greving.



Keith and Delores Erickson - June 17, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ *Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Keeping you in our prayers. Adam & Tracy Dahlke*

Tracy Dahlke - June 17, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *Sending our love, sympathy and prayers to you all. Aunt Shirley, your devotion to Uncle Leland was such a testament and gives me strength and encouragement on my own journey with taking care of my loved ones. I will ALWAYS remember Uncle Leland's huge, genuine smile and infectious laugh....it was one of a kind just like he was. Love you all!*

*Great Niece Tami Rua (Randy, Regan and Austin), Zeeland MI*

Tami Rua - June 16, 2020 at 08:19 PM



*Thank you, Tami. My parent's love and devotion to each other was a great example to many. And my dad's laugh was simply the best! Love, Ann*

Ann Greving Brown - June 23, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Leland J. Greving.*



June 15, 2020 at 05:28 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Leland J. Greving.*



June 15, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Leland J. Greving.*



June 15, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Leland J. Greving.*



June 15, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Leland J. Greving.*



June 15, 2020 at 01:12 PM

RD

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron and Peg Dahlke - June 15, 2020 at 12:07 PM

EM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Greiving Family.  
Sincerely, Karen and Ed Marshall

Ed and Karen Marshall - June 15, 2020 at 11:43 AM



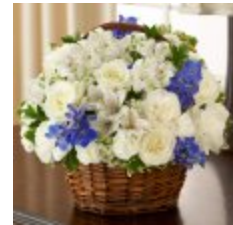
“ Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased  
for the family of Leland J. Greiving.



June 15, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White  
was purchased for the family of Leland J.  
Greiving.



June 15, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was  
purchased for the family of Leland J. Greiving.



June 15, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Leland J. Greving.*



June 15, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Leland J. Greving.*



June 15, 2020 at 07:58 AM



“ *Coffee time at Chapman UMC on Tuesdays was a highlight in Leland's week and Leland was loved by all that attended. Leland's absence left a hole in our lives before Covid 19 appeared and secluded him from personal visits.  
Shirley we hold you and your family in prayer.*

**Pastor Bonnie Linton-Hendrick** - June 15, 2020 at 12:14 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you at this sad time. Greg always enjoyed talking farming with Leland at grandkids birthday party's 🙏🙏🙏 Greg and Bonny Pospichal*

**Bonny Pospichal** - June 14, 2020 at 08:02 PM