



Jerry D Downing

November 10, 1931 - April 13, 2020

Jerry D. Downing, 88, lifelong Rawlins and Thomas County, KS resident died Monday, April 13th at McCrite Health Center, Topeka, KS.

Jerry was born November 10, 1931, in McCook, NE, the only child of Virgle Willis (Jerry) and Franis Hannah (Hollembek) Downing. The family farmed in southwest Rawlins and northwest Thomas counties in KS, the area known at the South Divide. Jerry attended Ilion Rural School, Colby High School and served as an aircraft mechanic in the US Air Force from 1953-1956.

In 1951, he met Lorraine Miller, a nearby school teacher; they married May 30, 1953 in Arriba, CO. To this union three children were born.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; children, Keith (Mary Ann), Karen Gatlin (Fred, dec.), and Harlan (Mylinda); six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren with one due this summer.

Cremation was chosen. A private family graveside service with military honors will be held at a later date in Colby, KS.

The family suggests memorial may be made to the American Legion Post 363 or Sons of American Legion Squadron 363, 1850 West 4th St., Colby KS 67701.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry D Downing*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Just notified of Jerry Dean's passing. Heartfelt condolences to Kieth ,Harlan , & Karen and families. Have some great childhood memories of Jerry and Francis and Jerry Dean ,when my brother Mike and I would visit the farm in Colby with our parents Don & Laura.*

Best wishes to you all.

Kent Curless

217-242-3550

Kent Curless - April 23, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Dee and Kathy Sweet*

Dee and Kathy Sweet - April 17, 2020 at 03:01 PM



Thank you for your thoughts. We all appreciate your kindness during this time. The Downing Family

MaryAnn Downing - April 19, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *My dear cousin Jerry loved him a lot was a man that had a smile all the time and laughed a lot, always thought of him as an uncle remember his hugs too. Rest In Peace Jerry Tamie (Downing) Siruta*



Tamra Siruta - April 16, 2020 at 09:50 PM

MD

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. We all appreciate your remembrance and kindness during this time. The Downing Family

MaryAnn Downing - April 19, 2020 at 11:23 AM

PK

“ *Keith & Mary Ann, and Downing family.
Rusty Grafel and I sent our thoughts and prayers to you. May you know we are thinking of you all. Pat Keiser*

Pat Keiser - April 16, 2020 at 12:06 PM

MD

Thank you so much Pat & Rusty for your thoughts and prayers. We all appreciate your kindness during this time. The Downing Family

MaryAnn Downing - April 19, 2020 at 11:25 AM

RG

“ *Sorry for your loss, he was a good man! My Dad and Jerry enjoyed talking in the middle of the road when we farmed in that area.
Condolences to Keith and Harlan*

Rod Gilley - April 16, 2020 at 11:11 AM

MD

Thank you so much for your thoughts during this time. Your kindness is appreciated by all. The Downing Family

MaryAnn Downing - April 19, 2020 at 11:27 AM