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Jesse Palmer Shields - Cawker City, KS

Jesse Palmer Shields was born February 15, 1934 in Kearney, NE and passed away on Mary 30, 2017.

Jesse married Norma Dreiling on August 22, 1959 in Kearney, NE. They eventually moved to Lincoln, NE where, in 1972 Jess opened his business Gateway Vacuum Center in the Gateway Mall. Two years later he opened another branch in downtown Lincoln. Jesse sold his businesses in 1984 and focused on rental real estate until retirement. Jesse and Norma began visiting Cawker City in 2000 and made it their permanent home in 2003.

Jesse was known to many for his love of fishing and enjoyed traveling as far as Canada to catch walleye. He also enjoyed taking friends and family out on Waconda Lake for a day of fishing. Jesse loved his hunting dogs, Duke and Duchess and was also an avid University of Nebraska Cornhusker football fan. More than his love of fishing was his love for his family. He was a devoted husband and was adored by his nieces and nephews. Jesse was a kind and generous man, always willing to lend a helping hand when someone was in need.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Frances, his brothers, Charles and Gale. He is survived by his wife, Norma (Dreiling); sister, Artis (Jarmin) and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m., June 24, 2017 at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Cawker City, Ks.

Kleppinger Funeral Home, 409 Broadway, Jewell, KS 66949 is handling arrangements.