



## Gerald Nebel

September 19, 2025

Gerald “Jerry” Leo Nebel was born in Omaha, NE on December 15, 1938 to Catherine “Kitty” Cunningham and Joseph Nebel. He was their sixth and last child; a younger brother to Francis, James, Margaret, William and Catherine (Kay), all of whom preceded him in death.

Jerry grew up on a dairy farm in Imogen, Iowa and his family moved to Colorado when he was a teenager. Jerry was the first in his family to go to college and would commute from the farm in Longmont to the University of Colorado at Boulder between morning and evening milking chores. He received a Bachelor’s degree in Business/Accounting and then joined the Navy, serving four years of active duty in New York City and Iceland, followed by 23 years in the Naval Reserves. Jerry loved his time in the military and getting his pilot’s license and flying small planes.

In the spring of 1967, Jerry met Patricia “Patty” Ann Arthur, when he was working for H & R Block and took her phone number off her tax return. By the end of the summer they were married. Patty and Jerry were devoted parents to their three children, Jennifer Marie (Jason Amstutz), Amy Therese (Donald Threewitt) and Paul Gerard (Pamela Nebel). He is survived by 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild; Miranda Catherine Threewitt (Josh Patterson), Devon Jeremiah William Osborne, Brendan Michael Threewitt (Erika Teasley), Grainne Sunanda Mona McCready, Margaret Patricia

Threewitt, Roisin Carolynn Threewitt, Colin Patrick Threewitt, and Belmont Donald Simmons and was preceded in death by his beloved grandson Thomas Leo Nebel.

Jerry worked for 30 years as an accountant for the State of Colorado . He served on the Bus Committee at Notre Dame School Church and volunteered as a bingo caller and church usher. In retirement, Jerry and Patty enjoyed traveling and spending time with their children and grandchildren. Jerry also volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and enjoyed working on his yard, taking long walks, and spending time on his computer. One year before his passing, Patty and Jerry moved to Northern Colorado where they were just settling into their new life when Jerry passed away unexpectedly on September 19, 2025 in Fort Collins, CO.

We will miss “Papa” teaching us correct military salutes, his stories of Iceland, and his concern and caring for his children and grandchildren.

Recitation of the Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated beginning at 9:30 AM October 8th at Notre Dame Parish, 2190 South Sheridan Blvd, Denver. Interment immediately follows the mass at 11:30 sharp at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

In lieu of, or in addition to flowers, please consider donating to Volunteers of America: Meals on Wheels where Jerry volunteered for many years.

Designate “where needed most” and check the box that says ”dedicate this donation” and include Jerry’s name:

<https://www.voacolorado.org/contact/?form=give&recurring=once>

# Previous Events

## Recitation of the Rosary

OCT 8. 9:30 AM (MT)

Notre Dame Parish  
2190 South Sheridan Blvd  
Denver, CO

*Interment immediately follows the mass at 11:30 sharp at Fort Logan National Cemetery.*

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Jerry and my husband, Ralph, were friends for many many years in Longmont. He was a groomsman when he got married in 1966. After he married Patty, we got together many times on Super Bowl Sunday for dinner and just to catch up with the family. We did that for many years and then we moved to California. You have our deepest sympathy and condolences. Ralph & Sandy Bigger.

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**Ralph Bigger** - October 06, 2025 at 11:09 PM

BN

“ There are so many good memories of Uncle Jerry!  
One thing I want to mention was his quick wit and humor when it came to watching television detective dramas. Usually there would be a 1970's drama like “The Rockford Files” where the guilty criminal would inevitably be chased into a wooded forest and be crouched behind the bushes! When the hero detective showed up and said “Come out, we know you're in there” the panicked criminal always dashed from his hiding place right into plain sight! I can still hear Jerry saying to me, “Would you? YOU! Do that?”  
Humorously pointing out the absurdity of the scripted Hollywood storyline!  
There are many similar humorous stories to tell,  
but watching certain movies and television shows with Jerry stands out in my mind.  
Uncle Jerry will surely be missed!

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**Bob Nebel** - September 29, 2025 at 10:19 PM

SY

“ The Buckley SFB military Retiree Activities Office (RAO) would like to offer our sincere condolences and our gratitude for CDR Nebel's 27 years of distinguished service to our country in the Navy. If you would like help with any matters related to casualty assistance, Defense Finance & Accounting Service, Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), Veterans Affairs (VA), etc. you can contact our office on Buckley SFB at 720-847-6693 or raobuckley@gmail.com. The RAO is staffed by volunteers, all military retirees themselves, and our sole purpose is to provide assistance to any military retirees and surviving spouses/family members with anything related to their military service and/or benefits, in particular during difficult times such as this. We are deeply sorry for your loss.

Steve Young  
Lt Col, USAF, Ret  
Director, Buckley SFB RAO

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Steve Young - September 29, 2025 at 12:34 PM



“ My dad taught me many things, most importantly serving others and loving his family. He always worked hard and he had a curiosity and love of learning up until his last days. Noone was a stranger for long with my dad. He had the Irish gift of gab and made friends everywhere he went. Your kids and grandkids will miss you, Dad! We love you and we will miss you terribly, but I know you will always be with us! ❤️

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Amy Nebel-Threwitt - September 27, 2025 at 01:03 AM

JA

“ *Dad really cared about all his kids and grandkids and did his best to support everyone. He didn't want to move out of his house of 47 years, but when he had to, he accepted it and adapted extremely well to their Independent Living apartment. When they had to move AGAIN a few months ago, he understood it was necessary and made the best of it. People at Morningstar loved him and Mom and he started a new routine of pushing Mom around the building in her wheelchair. I really appreciated how he accepted things and made the best of them. May we all have that ability in life! Rest in peace Dad!!*



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**Jenny Amstutz** - September 26, 2025 at 12:56 PM

JA

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**Jenny Amstutz** - September 26, 2025 at 12:52 PM