

RONNIE KERR

I N M E M O R Y

Born: **July 16, 1942**
Died: **October 17, 1961**
Lived in: **Grant, NE**



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Ronnie C. Kerr was born July 16, 1942 at Imperial, Nebraska. He lived his entire life in Grant. He completed grade school and graduated with the 1960 senior class of Grant PCHS. Ronnie excelled in basketball and football. He was named all conference guard during his senior year in football.

Soon after graduation from high school, Ronnie enlisted in the Navy at North Platte and was sent to San Diego, California for his boot training. He received special training in Memphis, Tennessee and Naval Air Technical Training at Miramar, California. He was then assigned to the carrier Bonne Homme Richard. While serving on this carrier in the Pacific arena, Ronnie became ill and was sent to Johnson Air Base, Japan for treatment. While at the hospital in Japan, his mother was flown there to be with him. He later was transferred to the Oakland California Naval Hospital, where he died of kidney infection October 17, 1961 at the age of 19 years old.

Memorial services were held Monday, 23 Oct 1961 at the Grant Congregational Church. Harold Tickle, Gerald Tickle, Doug Mayer, Robert Uehling, Lynn Curtis and Herbert Hake, former classmates were Casket bearers. The Oakland Naval Hospital escort was Stephen McInnis. Military graveside services were conducted by the Madrid and Grant Legion Posts. Interment was in Grant Fairview Cemetery.

Immediate survivors at the time of Ronnie's death included his mother, Betty Shirley, Madrid; father, Lloyd Kerr, Grant, sister, Connie, Madrid; brother, Tom, Grant.