

Every Dog has Its Day! The Lambert Collection Auction

They say that women cannot resist a cool car and a man in uniform. Darlene saw the young man that lived next door with the cool car, a Desoto that he had restored and in uniform and getting ready to go to the Korean War. Even though they had just met, Darlene knew that this was the man she was going to marry. Roger went off to Korean war and they stayed connected by writing letters. The day came that Roger, that shy neighbor boy, came home from the war with Darlene waiting. They did not waste any time and told their closest friends and eloped in a small service in Kansas in 1964 and started their lives' adventure.

Roger worked for Boeing in Wichita and then they moved back to Mahaska, Kansas and started the business that would help them build off that 1st Classic Car they got married in. Together they started a successful Kennel service, Lambriar Kennels and Lambert Vet Supply. Roger and Darlene raised and brokered puppies of various breeds all around the world. Darlene and Roger built a reputation for excellent service and wonderful dogs. They worked hard to make sure every dog had Its Day. Roger and Darlene helped set Standards for Kennels and various inspection programs and were well respected in the industry. With the success of their business, they were able to travel the world and build their classic car collection.

Darlene and Roger went to auctions all over the United States and bought what they liked. They say, every dog has its day, and when Darlene and Roger saw the car they liked, it was its day, and they bought it. It was hard to go to an auction and not turn down that car that was begging to come with them. Cadillacs, Imperials, Chevrolet, Ford, and more. There was not a car that they did not like. Darlene and Roger and their children and grandchildren would all take the cars to parades and on adventures around Nebraska and Kansas.

Roger started to have health issues. Darlene knew that something was not right. They doctored and eventually learned he had a form of leukemia. Treatments were tried but were not really doing the cure. Family is extremely important to Darlene and Roger. Roger knew that he had limited time and took each of their children and grandchildren to spend time together and let them pick a car in the collection to keep in the family. Roger spent time with every member of their family and then Roger Passed away at home surrounded by family.

The decision was not an easy one, but Darlene has decided to sell the remainder of their collection. Roger and Darlene did everything together and were rarely apart. If you ask Darlene how long they were married, she will answer exactly, "60 years, 8 days, 6 hours, and 5 minutes." Their marriage and life are a testament of love for each other and family. For Roger and Darlene, the cars were part of the family, too.

VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC will sell the Lambert collection at the Stastny Community Center on August 9th, 2025, at 10:00AM in a Live onsite auction with online bidding. The collection has everything from a 1965 Chevrolet Impala Big Block to various 19559 Cadillacs, Pickups, Convertibles, and more. There are approx. 40 Classic Cars and Pickups that will be sold at the auction in Hebron, Nebraska. There will be a preview time available on August 8th, 2025, from 10am-5pm at the Stastny Community Center. Darlene and the family want you to plan to come to the auction on August 9th, 2025, at 10:00am in

Hebron, Nebraska or bid online if you cannot come. But plans now and come celebrate the Life's collection of Roger and Darlene Lambert. Spend the day with family, friends, and wonderful cars. The Lamberts, just like their dogs, want the cars to go to good home. See you at the Auction on August 9th, 2025, in Hebron, Nebraska! For information on the auction, inventory, catalog and more auctions see the website www.vanderbrinkauctions.com.