



Charles Sokol Jr.

March 11, 1938 - March 18, 2017

PIERCE-- Funeral service for Charles Sokol Jr., 79, of Pierce will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce with Rev. Gordon Bruce and Vicar Jonathan Torreson officiating. Interment will be at the Prospect View Cemetery, Pierce. Visitation will be held 4:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2017 also at the church. Charles peacefully passed away, at Faith Regional Hospital, surrounded by his family, on Saturday, March 18th.

Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements.

Charles was born on March 11, 1938 to Charles Sr. and Helen (Vavak) Sokol in

Verdigre, NE. Charles attended grade school at a rural District school outside of Verdigre. He graduated from Verdigre High School in 1956. He then served in the United States Army Reserves from 1961 to 1965. Returning from the military, Charles farmed and ranched in Verdigre until 1966.

In 1966, Charles moved to Norfolk. He then met and later married Carol (Schomberg) on

September 24th, 1966 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce.

To this union, they had three daughters, Teresa, Tonja and Tracy.

Charles worked at the Norfolk Sand and Gravel and then the Norfolk Fire Department for 10 years from 1967-1978. Charles, along with ranching, was employed with the Pierce Public Schools for 10 years from 1978-1989, where

he was a much cherished part of many PHS students' lives as their school janitor. Charles also worked for Norfolk Regional Center from 1989 until retirement in 2000.

He enjoyed retirement years with many adventures with family and friends. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, enjoying his outdoor time spent in Verdigre and Niobrara. Charles enjoyed raising Pomeranians, Golden Retrievers, and Bassett Hounds. He would raise 500 Golden Retrievers each year and they would be sold throughout the United States and over seas. Charles was active and also enjoyed his daughters 4-H involvement showing sheep.

Charles and Carol spent their retirement years traveling and enjoying each other and their grandchildren. Charles always had a smile on his face and could strike up a conversation with anyone. He loved sharing stories with everyone. His humor and kindness touched anyone who met him.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol. Daughter Teresa (Rick) Bauer of Elizabeth, CO., grandchildren, Chase and Brooke Bauer, Daughter Tonja (Darin) Asmus of Norfolk, granddaughters, Kendra (Jeff) Kimble, Kayla Asmus (friend Jesse Claytor), One great-granddaughter, Piper Camin, and two great-grandsons arriving this summer, Daughter Tracy Sokol (fiance Matt Lorenzen) of Blair, NE, and grandchildren, Mallory McGree, Calvin Lorenzen, Miranda Lorenzen, and Amelia Lorenzen. Charles is also survived by three sisters, Geraleen (Lawrence) Vesely of Norfolk, Ilene (Lance) Arnold of Pierce, and Elaine Wessendorf of Pierce, two brothers, Jim (Barb) Sokol of Verdigre, Larry (Marie) Sokol of Wayne, and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Sr. and Helen Sokol. In-laws, Clarence and Gladys Schomberg and one nephew, Travis Schwartz.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be made to Zion Lutheran Church of Pierce, Pierce Senior Center, or Pierce Fire and Rescue.

Organist will be Dottie Ahlers and soloist is Jill McElhose.

Casket Bearers are Jim Sokol Jr., Todd Sokol, Chad Sokol, Shawn Sokol, Rodney Schwartz, Tony Schwartz, Chase Bauer, Mark Luger.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralc

hapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE

Previous Events

Service

MAR 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Pierce

520 East Main Street

Pierce, NE 68767

<http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Sokol Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Dear family of Charles Sokol you all have our sympathy and now he is in Gods realm*

From Roger and Liz Liska

Roger Liska - March 28, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *Hi Carol,
I was very sorry to hear about Charles. Life will certainly be different and thankfully you are surrounded by a lot of family to help you through this grief.
My one and only memory of Charles involved the time we were to board a plane
from Las Vegas --- same plane you two were going on to get back home. You and I
sat together on the plane while Charles and Steve sat together.
What a surprise to be
boarding the same plane as Pierce-ites and then you and I had a non-stop fun visit until the plane landed. That was years and years ago!
My sincere condolences to you and your family. And may God give you his comfort and peace in the coming days. Love, Donna
(Krehnke) & Steve Herney*

Donna (Krehnke) & Steve Herney - March 22, 2017 at 05:51 PM

PM

“ *Jim and Barb Geraldine and Lawrence My prayers are with you and may God Bless you through this time of sorrow Phyllis (Liska) and Kenneth Meier and Family*



Phyllis Meier - March 22, 2017 at 09:34 AM

LF

“ *We send our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Our sympathy. Larry & Marilyn Frank*

Larry Frank - March 22, 2017 at 08:33 AM

JW

“ *Julie Wingett lit a candle in memory of Charles Sokol Jr.*



Julie Wingett - March 21, 2017 at 06:05 PM

JW

Carol and family, you have my thoughts & prayers!!

Julie Wingett - March 21, 2017 at 06:07 PM

VD

“ *Carol...we were absolutely stunned to hear this as Skip just visited with you Friday night. We are so sorry for you! He was truly a good guy...we'll miss him!*

Veronica Dittrick - March 21, 2017 at 06:02 PM

SM

“ *He was honestly one of the nicest people I ever met. He was so kind and such a sweet person. He will be greatly missed. Love you, Saunny Meyer*

saunny meyer - March 21, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Sokol Jr..*



March 21, 2017 at 12:08 PM

MS

“ *MYVA SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Charles Sokol Jr.*



MYVA SCOTT - March 21, 2017 at 11:14 AM

MS

“ *CAROL & FAMILY---SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS--WAS A SURPRISE TO SEE--OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL--TAKE CARE--GOD BLESS--LYLE & MYVA SCOTT*

MYVA SCOTT - March 21, 2017 at 11:12 AM

PE

“ We are sad to hear of Charles' passing. He was a kind and fun loving guy who enjoyed life. Will be missed.

Larry and Peg Emory

Peg Emory - March 21, 2017 at 09:07 AM

JD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was one of the best people I knew! I am praying for you guys. I love you dearly!

Love,

Tom, Jody, Olivia, Jake and Mac Demo

Jody Demo - March 20, 2017 at 11:19 PM

MH

“ Charles was the closest resemblance, character wise, to my Grandpa Vavak (Charles' Uncle). They both Always had a Friendly Greeting, Always made you feel Special and ALWAYS, ALWAYS made you LAUGH!!!!

What earth has lost, Heaven has gained!!!

Can't wait for the Heaven Family Reunion someday.

All Our Love to Carolyn & Family, Mona (Vavak), Scott, Danielle & Matthew Henery

Mona Henery - March 20, 2017 at 10:21 PM



MB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Charles' passing. I will always remember the summers spent in Nebraska and visiting the farm. I loved seeing all of his animals and especially his horses. It always made those those summers so special. He will be truly missed. Big hugs and prayers to you all. Love always, Michelle (Goswick) Bowers

Michelle Goswick Bowers - March 20, 2017 at 10:10 PM

CK

“ Carol
We so enjoyed being around Charles on our bus trips. He had a great sense of humor and it was a pleasure to be associated with him. I can only imagine how much he will be missed by you and your children and his friends. Our sympathy to you and your family.

Gene and Carolyn Kulhanek

Carolyn Kulhanek - March 20, 2017 at 09:20 PM

TL

“ Carol and family. I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Charles. He was a man you didn't really have to know to visit with. Always friendly. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Terry and Flora Larson

Terry & Flora Larseon - March 20, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Sokol Jr..



March 20, 2017 at 04:32 PM

DD

“ We were sorry to read of Charles's passing. We first met him when he was a custodian at the Norfolk Regional Center when we worked there. We always enjoyed talking to him. I hadn't seen him for awhile, but I sat behind him and visited with him at a Norfolk High basketball game just a short time ago. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Don & Betty Dammast

Don Dammast - March 20, 2017 at 03:57 PM

ML

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Mandy Lortz - March 20, 2017 at 03:02 PM

MF

“ We are so sorry for your loss, he was such a great man and the family will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. God Bless.

Mandy Lortz & Family - March 20, 2017 at 02:59 PM

BS

“ Such a great guy that will truly be missed. May peace be with you Carol and family during this difficult time.

Becky Snedigar - March 20, 2017 at 12:07 PM

LF

“ Love Always: Todd, Chad & Shawn Sokol and Families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Charles Sokol Jr..



Love Always: Todd, Chad & Shawn Sokol and Families -
March 20, 2017 at 11:15 AM

JS

“ We had the honor of meeting Charles last year at the Madison County Fair.
What a wonderful man so enjoyed visiting with him and Carol
Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends
Lonnie & Jusy Sparks

Judy Sparks - March 20, 2017 at 10:33 AM

TG

“ Carol and Family,
So sorry to hear of the passing of Charles. He was a very kind man.
Thinking of you during this difficult time. Tammy & Phil Greig

Tammy Greig - March 20, 2017 at 05:35 AM

AP

“ What a sad day. Charles was such a great guy, so friendly and funny. I began to know Charles as a regular customer at Pic'n'Save where I worked, in Norfolk over 20 years ago. He would always make my day and give me a good laugh. After knowing him for quite sometime - we discovered through conversation that we were related! We would joke and laugh about that from then on.... small world he would say... He will truly be missed.
Angie Pendergast (Darlene Matson's daughter)

Angie Pendergast - March 19, 2017 at 09:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles Sokol Jr..



March 19, 2017 at 09:44 PM