

E. Leon Schaefer

July 16, 1930 - July 10, 2018

NORFOLK --- Memorial service for E. Leon Schaefer, 87, of Norfolk will be held at 1:30 p.m., on Monday, July 16, 2018 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Norfolk with Rev. Myron Meyer officiating the service. The inurnment will take place in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk following the service. Visitation will be from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., on Sunday, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Military rites by the Norfolk American Legion Post 16, V.F.W. Post 1644, and the United States Air Force Honor Guard. Leon passed away on Tuesday July 10, 2018 at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Leon Schaefer was born on July 16, 1930 in rural Osmond, Nebraska on the family farm to Elmer and Sylvia (Wostrel) Schaefer. He was baptized on August 31, 1930 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, in Pierce County. He was then confirmed on May 21, 1944 at American Lutheran Church in Plainview. Leon was raised on the family farm and attended District 32 School thru the 8th grade. He graduated from Plainview High School in 1947, upon graduation he then served in the United States Air Force.

Leon married Joann (Jo) McDaniel on December 27, 1951 at the Madison Courthouse. He enjoyed mechanics and flying. He could take apart and fix about anything. He farmed until 1955 and moved to Norfolk in the fall of that year. He was a member of American Legion Post 16 of Norfolk and St. John's Lutheran Church in Norfolk. He was a past member of the Men's Chorus. He worked for the Nebraska Department of Roads for 49 years, as Inspector and

Project Manager for 14 years and Quality Assurance Manager and Lab Supervisor for 35 years. After retirement from the Department of Roads he worked for Nebraska Concrete and Aggregate Association on certification committee for 13 years based out of Lincoln, Nebraska. In his later years Leon also moved cars from town to town for Cornhusker Auto. He was a gentle man with endless patience and a wonderful example of how we all should live life. Heaven is blessed with his presence.

Leon is survived by his wife Joann (Jo) of over 66 years of marriage and four children and spouses. Sidney (Susan) Schaefer of Waverly, NE, Granddaughter Kaitlyn (Christian) Gall of Sneads Ferry, N.C., grandson Nicholas of Raleigh, N.C., and Aaron Schaefer of Waverly, NE., Daughter Connie (Terry) Viterna and great-granddaughter Paige Viterna of Verdigre, NE., grandson Brandon (Jody) Viterna and great-granddaughter Brynlee of Plainview, NE., granddaughter Crystal Viterna and great-grandson Aaron of Norfolk, Son Guy Schaefer of Gretna, NE., Grandchildren Brisco, Benjamin, and Isabelle of Gretna, Son Christopher (Claudia) Schaefer and grandson David of Temecula, CA.

Brothers John and Larry (Judy) Schaefer of Plainview, Sister Karen (Paul) Schulte of Stanton, brother-in-law Neil McDaniel of St. Peters, MO. and Maryanne McDaniel of O'Fallon, MO., brother-in-law Robert (Arnetta) McDaniel of Norfolk, and many cousins and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Sylvia and one sister Lavonne Hale

Honorary pallbearers are Lennis Benson, John Schaefer, Larry Schaefer, Larry Schmit, Dick Zolnosky, Dale Pohlman, Paul Schulte, Charlie Maas, Robert McDaniel, Mike Wellman, and all the Men's Chorus Members.

The Organist will be Steve Reinke, Dr. Dale Stephenson will be performing as the soloist, along with special music by Virginia Maas.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Companion Animal Clinic, 1113 Riverside Blvd., Norfolk, NE or the Norfolk Men's Chorus.

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

hapel.com

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Service

JUL **16**. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. John's Lutheran Church, Norfolk
1300 W. Benjamin Ave.
Norfolk, NE
<http://www.stjohnsnorfolk.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *E. Leon Schaefer*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

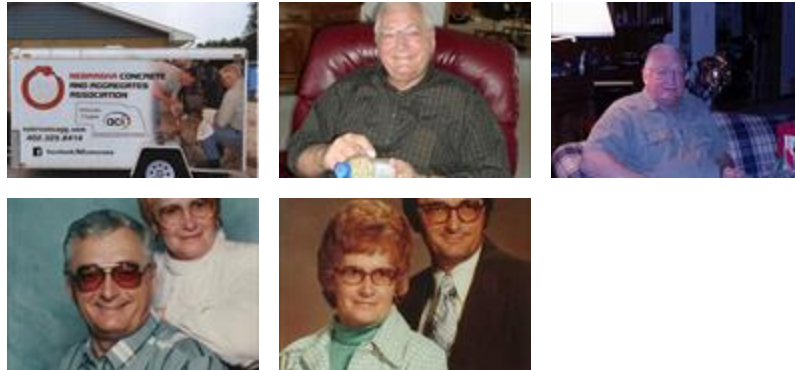


“ *Leon was truly a wonderful man. He endured many many difficult times but kept smiling through it all. He seemed to know a lot about everything that friends and family needed help with. Thanks for the memories, Leon!*

jean sommers - August 13, 2018 at 08:19 AM



“ *104 files added to the album Memorial photos*



Sid Schaefer - July 16, 2018 at 11:48 PM



“ I remember seeing Leon out on my work route at State Yards in Valentine, Ainsworth, and O'Neill and chatting with him. Things I remember growing up were like gas powered model planes and an influence to Chrysler cars & (VWs). Leon always seemed to have an abundant knowledge of all things mechanical. Leon was a very pleasant man and will be sorely missed. My sincere condolences and sympathy to the Schaefer family. I am truly sorry for your loss.

Jerry Rowlett - July 16, 2018 at 10:41 AM

JO

“ We have wonderful memories of Leon when he came to Colombia. Our most sincere condolences.

Jorge Ojeda and Family.

JORGE OJEDA - July 15, 2018 at 03:42 PM

BH

“ I remember Leon when I worked for the Department of Roads in the 70's. Leon was a friend and very competent teacher, he knew his job very well. My Sympathy to all of the family. Bob Heese

Bob Heese - July 15, 2018 at 02:44 PM

TF

“ Terry Schaefer and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of E. Leon Schaefer.



Terry Schaefer and Family - July 15, 2018 at 09:05 AM

RW

“ Jo, our sympathy and prayers to you and your family. May the Lord help sustain you through this difficult time.

Ray and Betty Weaver

Ray and Betty Weaver - July 14, 2018 at 02:36 PM

PL

“ Connie - Sincere sympathy to you & your family - I remember your Dad well even tho it was lots of years ago. - He looks the same as back then. God Bless- Patti (Hansen) Lura

Patricia Lura - July 14, 2018 at 02:06 AM

GC

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of my friend and fellow card player. While my wife Lois and I were neighbors of Jo and Leon, we spent many fun times together, days at the casino's and nite's playing hand and foot. Leon was always a true gentlemen and all of the times we spent together will never be forgotten. I am sure he will be greatly missed. May you rest in peach with the Lord.

My prayers to you Jo and your family.

Gordon Carlson

Gordon Carlson - July 13, 2018 at 03:42 PM

GH

“ Our sincere sympathy to Jo and all of Leon's family. We got acquainted with him at family reunions and always enjoyed his pleasant ways, his easy smile, and the gentleman he was. May God bless you with peace and comfort and the love from family and friends sustain you today and days ahead. Remember the promise from the Lord Jesus Christ of resurrected life and look forward to being together with Leon in Heaven one day. Our love and prayers are with you.

Gene & Carolyn Herzinger - July 13, 2018 at 11:53 AM

LW

“ I worked in District eight in the 50/60 as Project Engineer and Leon was our Quality Assurance person for some of that time I have good memories of those years. I knew Leon would have a full and rewarding life. Sorry to hear he passed away. Leonard Weander

Leonard Weander - July 13, 2018 at 10:50 AM

FJ

“ From your friends from J84 purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of E. Leon Schaefer.



From your friends from J84 - July 13, 2018 at 09:27 AM