



## Harold A. Strelow

December 2, 1933 - May 14, 2023

PIERCE -- Memorial service for Harold A. Strelow, 89, of Pierce will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. Rev. Gordon Bruce and Vicar Justin Brockman will be officiating. Inurnment will be held at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. Military rites will be conducted by the Tomek-Otto Post #72 American Legion of Pierce. Harold passed away on Sunday, May 14, 2023 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Harold Strelow was born on December 2, 1933, at his home in Osmond to Arthur and Clara (Kuhl) Strelow. He was baptized in 1933 and confirmed into faith in 1947 at Zion Lutheran Church by Reverend Schieps. Harold was a faithful disciple of Christ, and at the age of 16 he taught Sunday school, served as trustee and elder, belonged to Zion Lutheran Church all his life, and even climbed the church tower to fix the bell. When he was one year old, they moved to a farm north of Pierce where later he farmed beside his father and loved raising animals and tending the land. He graduated from Pierce High School in 1951 and then served his country in the armed forces from 1954-55 at Fort Lewis, Washington.

After returning from the service, Harold married the love of his life, JoAnn Buss, on June 3, 1956, at Zion Lutheran Church. Harold and JoAnn moved into their home across the road from his family home where they raised four

daughters, Pamela, Rhonda, Julie, and Sherry. He farmed for over 40 years and worked as a grain bin operator for the ASCS office with his father-in-law Gus Buss. He was on the board for the Farm Bureau for 25 years and belonged to the Lion's Club, American Legion, Lutheran Laymen's League, and PTL School Board at Zion Lutheran. He retired from farming in 1996, and then built a home on the southwest edge of Pierce near Willow Creek with JoAnn. After retiring, he worked for Denny White mowing services.

Harold had several hobbies, but most of all devoted his time to reading his Bible and spending loving moments with his family. In early years he attended many horse shows in Nebraska and Oklahoma with his daughters and grandkids. He also loved hunting, fishing, and camping with his friends and family. Harold and JoAnn had a wood and craft shop for 15 years, and at the age of 89 still cut wood art. For 27 years, he and JoAnn spent their winters in Benson Grove Park in Mission, Texas. He also enjoyed supporting his Huskers and his children and grandchildren's sports and 4-H events. Harold's many basset hounds named Charlie were his best friends that went with him daily to Gilman Park and on camping trips.

Survivors include his wife, JoAnn Strelow of Pierce, sister Adeline Schott of Arizona, children Rhonda (Myles) Shipman of Kenesaw, Julie (Tim) Asmus of Pierce, Sherry (Todd) Kumm of Osmond, and son-in-law Dane Halsey, of Pierce, eight grandchildren Tara (Brett) Oestreich of Pierce, Kyle (Ashley) Halsey of Pierce, Eric (Kathi) Halsey of Louisville, Amber (Jared) Wragge of Pierce, Shane (Shelby) Asmus of Plainview, Kate Asmus (significant other Cade Kalkowski) of Lincoln, Ryley Kumm (significant other Mikenna Moser) of Osmond, and Dalton Kumm of Osmond, twelve great-grandchildren plus one on the way, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Clara Strelow, his sisters Delores (Gary) Kolterman, Elnor (Ruben) Demmel, Arlene (Bill) Riege, Mardell (Vernan) Bauman, Ethel (Dennis) Alexander, and Lois Schuchardt, brother-in-law Vic Schott, and his

daughter Pamela Halsey.

Honorary casket bearers will be the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Harold loved reciting Psalm 23: "...Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Pierce  
520 East Main Street  
Pierce, NE 68767  
<http://www.zionlutheranpierce.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold A. Strelow*

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October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *We were so very sorry to see the obituary for Harold in the Pierce paper. We extend our prayers to all of the family and pray for God's blessings of peace and comfort. Harold lived a full faithful life with his love and devotion to God and the church. I will miss my 1951 classmate. Gene and Beulah O'Neal*

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**Gene O'Neal** - June 01, 2023 at 07:41 PM