



Melvin W. Horst

November 20, 1929 - April 4, 2020

NORFOLK -- Private family burial for Melvin William Horst, 90, of Norfolk will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk with Rev. David Goehmann officiating. He passed away late Saturday evening, April 4, 2020 at Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of arrangements.

Melvin was born on November 20, 1929, in rural Wisner, the fourth child of William and Martha (Beerbohm) Horst. He was raised as a hard working farm son who grew up hand shucking corn into a wagon, using horses to plow fields and eventually driving tractors to raise crops and feed livestock on the family farm.

He was baptized into the faith at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in rural Wisner and attended grade school at St. Matthew's Lutheran School. He received his 8th grade diploma and was confirmed at St. Matthew's Church in 1943. After his graduation, he worked various jobs on family and neighbor's farms, for his sister and brother-in-law, Wyllis and Vernita Shultz, at their gas station near Pilger, and at Ening Sand and Gravel Pit. He enjoyed farming the best.

In his free time, He enjoyed attending dances (sometimes three nights a week) in area dance halls and this eventually led him to meet the love of his life, lone Cech, in 1950 at the Howells Ballroom. On December 29, 1953, he was married to lone at St. Matthew's Church and they made their first home on a farm near the Union Creek by Stanton, NE. They farmed, raised

livestock, enjoyed fishing in the creek and hunting in the surrounding area. In 1962 they moved to Norfolk where they purchased their current home. Melvin worked for Gerhold Concrete making and hauling cement blocks all over Northeast Nebraska. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk. His hobbies included shuffleboard, playing cards, dancing at King's Ballroom and Riverside, and gardening. He was blessed with two daughters and the family enjoyed spending time together camping, attending Kansas City Royals baseball games, riding roller coasters and visiting relatives. Melvin retired in 1995 and spent his time maintaining a beautiful garden and lawn, socializing with friends on casino bus trips, playing cards with family and friends, and attending as many of their grandkids' events as they could manage. They were their grandkid's biggest fans and cheerleaders. Melvin and lone celebrated 66 years of marriage this past December. He treasured spending time with his family and farming was always dear to his heart, often catching rides in a tractor or combine with his son-in-law, Dean, and taking rides to check on crops.

Melvin is survived by his wife lone of Norfolk, daughter Jule (Dean) Hamling of St. Edward, daughter Cheryl Musil (Steve Svoboda) of Columbus, granddaughter Christina Hamling of Lincoln, NE, his granddaughter Alicia (Cory) Preister of Norfolk, grandson Calvin Musil of Columbus, great-granddaughter Madelyn Preister of Norfolk, brother in-law and his wife Elden and Ruth Cech of Clarkson, brother-in-law Eldon Asche of Columbus as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Merlin (Dorothy) Horst, his sister Vernita (Wyllis) Schulz, his sister Eileen (Harlan) Renner, sister Delores Horst, his parents in-law Theodore and Lillian Cech, sister-in-law Elaine (Eldon) Asche and sister-in-law Margaret Groteluschen and her husband Norris as well as nephews, uncles, aunts and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for designation later or to donor's choice. Because we cannot gather and visit in the time of COVID-19, we ask that you please share stories or pictures with the family via

the Stonacek Funeral Chapel website at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com or by mail to the family at 305 N. Cottonwood St., Norfolk, NE., 68701.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 8 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin W. Horst*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of Melvins passing. Memories of a man who always had a smile on his face. I can still hear the jingle of the change in his pocket as he was telling a story. He was known to drive pretty good looking cars and could handle those Macks or Western Star rigs of Gerholds. I remember him being a very good wing shot on the annual thanksgiving outings at the Cech farm. Family get togethers will not be the same without his distinctive laugh. Many other sweet memories. Ione and family, I pray that God will comfort and encourage you in the days ahead. Sincerely Ron Groteluschen.*

Ron Groteluschen - April 10, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ *105 files added to the album Photos and Videos of Melvin*



Christina Mae - April 09, 2020 at 08:51 AM

CM

“ 75 files added to the album *Photos and Videos of Melvin*



Cheryl Musil - April 07, 2020 at 05:24 PM

LH

“ lone and Family, I was sorry to learn of Melvin's passing. I know it was important and special for my Dad, Merlin, when he and Melvin reconciled late in life. May God bless you and keep you at this time. Larry & Kathy Horst and family.

Larry Horst - April 06, 2020 at 05:23 PM

CG

“ 44 files added to the album *Photos and Videos of Melvin*



Christina Hamling - Melvin's Granddaughter - April 06, 2020 at 01:42 PM

GP

“ Cheryl and family,
I'm so sorry to hear of the earthly loss of your father but celebrate the heavenly reward your father has received. His obituary was written with so much love and clearly relays the love and respect you had for your father. Virtual hugs to you now, Cheryl, but when the time comes...be ready for a long hug (with tears, of course)! May God hold you tightly and yet ever so gently during this time. Much love and sympathy to you and yours.
Gwen Porter

Gwen Porter - April 05, 2020 at 11:00 PM

MB

“ Oh where to begin with Uncle Smelvin, the name says it all, constantly teasing us kids, always smiling, always had that sparkle in his eyes. He will be missed!

Mandy Boone - April 05, 2020 at 10:58 PM

BP

“ Melvin (Smelvin), where do I start. You were the best Uncle Skunkle ever. I remember how you made me believe brown cows gave chocolate milk, or the rubber snake that you hid in the hassock that I always opened to look at Lone's magazines (you laughed your head off), and the many times you made me think we were going to go off the road into the Humbug creek. You always called me squirrel and when I saw you a few months ago you said you always thought about me when you looked out your window at the squirrels. I remember the times you rode your bike by my house in Norfolk after I got divorced, always checking if we were o k. May God bless your family that I know you loved so much. Know my prayers are with you lone, Jule and Cheryl and all your loved ones. So for now it's not goodbye Uncle Skunkle but I'll see you someday soon walking those streets of Gold.

Becky Pinkerton - April 05, 2020 at 10:12 PM

DC

“ Sorry to hear about Mel, he and my dad were great friends, I think they were even together the night my husband asked for my hand in marriage, you know old hang out after work, your in my prayers 🙏
😊 Denise Austin Cyboron, Don and Betty Austin my parents ❤️

Denise Austin Cyboron - April 05, 2020 at 08:41 PM