

## Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.

November 22, 1932 - October 16, 2015

HADAR -- Robert Stuart Retzlaff, 82, of Hadar, died surrounded by his family Oct. 16, 2015, after a long battle with COPD. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Stonacek Memorial Chapel, Pierce. Funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hadar, with the Rev. Nathaniel Winkle officiating. Interment will take place at the Parish Cemetery, rural Hadar. Pallbearers will be Bob's grandsons Travis Retzlaff, Calvin Retzlaff, Jack French, and Brendan French; nephews Brad Wolff and Joe Wolff; Bob's close relative Fred Dederman; and good friend and neighbor Brian Oestreich. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Tomek-Otto Post 72 and the U.S. Army Honor Guard. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com) He spent his life farming in the Hadar area on land his German grandparents bought in 1891. He was born in the house his grandmother Emelia Retzlaff had built in the early 1900s, shaded by two cottonwoods his grandfather Wilhelm had planted. Bob and his wife Jeanne, raised their six kids in that house.

Bob was born Nov. 22, 1932, to Robert Louis Heinrich Retzlaff and Ida Minnie Schultz Retzlaff. He graduated from Pierce High School in 1950. On June 14, 1953, he married Jeanne Alice Carrick of Norfolk. Shortly thereafter he reported for Army basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and was assigned to duty at Fort Sill, Okla., where his bride joined him. After honorable discharge, Bob and Jeanne settled on the farm at Hadar in Pierce County.

Bob attended college on the G.I. Bill, obtaining a business degree from Norfolk Junior College, while farming with his father. Bob and Jeanne had six children. As the kids grew, matured, and married, they brought their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to the family home, where everyone argued politics, discussed current issues, cursed or sang the Huskers' praises, depending on the unfolding of the football season, ate a lot of good food, and played Scrabble, pinochle, cribbage or sheephead.

He leaves his wife of 62 years, Jeanne; their six children and their spouses: Kay Retzlaff and Tom McCord, Winterport, ME; Russell and Brenda (Polt) Retzlaff, Pierce; Curt and Julie (Miller) Retzlaff, Bristol, WI; Beth (Retzlaff) and Shawn French, Salt Lake City, UT; Jennifer (Retzlaff) and Steve Nowachek, St. Charles, IL; and Eric and Brandy (Madison) Retzlaff, Pierce.

He is survived by 14 grandchildren and their families: Travis and Kaitlyn (Goter) Retzlaff, Hartford, SD; Calvin and Britany (Werner) Retzlaff, Pierce; Sara (Retzlaff) and Jordan Hinrichs, Seward; Laura Retzlaff, Plainview; Chelsey Retzlaff, Gurnee, IL; Mollie French, Jack French and Brendan French, all of Salt Lake City; Lindsay Nowachek, St. Charles, IL; Christopher Nowachek, Macomb, IL; and Alex Retzlaff, Natalie Retzlaff, Caydan Retzlaff and Grace Retzlaff, all of Pierce; and great-grandchildren Emerson, Kendall and Beckett. He is also survived by his sisters Velma (Retzlaff) Couchman, Norfolk; Frances (Retzlaff) and husband Reuben Pospisil, Norfolk; and Beverly (Retzlaff) Kortje, Norfolk; and brother Byron, Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers-in-law, Donald Couchman and Donald Kortje.

# Cemetery Details

## Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery - Rural Hadar

1/4 Mile Northwest of Hadar on HWY 13, then  
West of Highway for 1/2 Mile.  
Hadar, NE 68738

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Memorial Chapel - Pierce  
403 West Main Street  
Pierce, NE 68767  
(402) 329-4270  
stonacekmemorialchapel@hotmail.com  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Service

OCT **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Hadar  
2nd Ave. & Main St.  
Hadar, NE 68738

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Shelly Asplin lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.*



**Shelly Asplin** - October 22, 2015 at 04:05 PM



“ *Margie Campbell lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.*



**margie campbell** - October 22, 2015 at 10:20 AM



“ *Jean, I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Michael Clay  
Realtor 2006-2009, Coldwell Banker Dover Realtors*

**Michael Clay** - October 21, 2015 at 09:59 PM

MS

“ *Bob is the epitome of a hard working Nebraskan farmer full of grit and love for his family.*



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**Mary South** - October 21, 2015 at 07:08 PM

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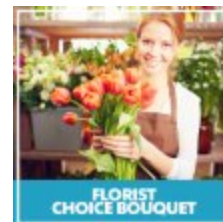
“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, US Foods purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr..*



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**Our thoughts and prayers are with you, US Foods** - October 21, 2015 at 12:04 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr..*



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October 20, 2015 at 10:57 AM

SF

“ *Sander and Wendie Morehead and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr..*



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**Sander and Wendie Morehead and Family** - October 20, 2015 at 10:51 AM



“ One time when I came to visit I called Uncle Bob for directions, he told me to go till the Oil ends I had no idea what that meant had to call my Dad to find out. Anyway I got there and we had a great visit, I always felt like the greatest nephew around him.



Kyle Retzlaff - October 19, 2015 at 06:08 PM



“ Kimberly Kumwenda lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.



Kimberly Kumwenda - October 19, 2015 at 05:40 PM



“ John & Chris Judt lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.



John & Chris Judt - October 19, 2015 at 03:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr..



October 19, 2015 at 02:54 PM

TD

“ *The Zions Corporate Legal Department purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr..*



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**The Zions Corporate Legal Department** - October 19, 2015 at 02:51 PM

NW

“ *I remember my dad and Bob running the football field lines, watching the game together. It seemed they always had on the warmest clothes and at half time they always got coffee, what a pair they were, true bluejay football fans. I miss my dad and will miss my uncle Bob. Nancy weinberger*

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**nancy weinberger** - October 19, 2015 at 12:56 PM

CM

“ *CINDY MATTEO lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.*



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**CINDY MATTEO** - October 19, 2015 at 12:46 PM

RB

“ *Robin, Fred, Elisha & Isaac Benjamin purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr..*



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**Robin, Fred, Elisha & Isaac Benjamin** - October 19, 2015 at 12:08 PM



“ Stephen Nowachek lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.



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**Stephen Nowachek** - October 19, 2015 at 11:58 AM



“ Jen Cox lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.



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**Jen Cox** - October 19, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ Kathi Reding lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.



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**Kathi Reding** - October 19, 2015 at 10:34 AM



“ Julie lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.



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**Julie** - October 19, 2015 at 10:23 AM

CC

“ Curt, Julie & Chelsey lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.



Curt, Julie & Chelsey - October 19, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ Margaret Nowachek lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.



Margaret Nowachek - October 19, 2015 at 10:04 AM



“ Jennifer Nowachek lit a candle in memory of Robert S. "Bob" Retzlaff Jr.



Jennifer Nowachek - October 19, 2015 at 08:39 AM

JN

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jennifer Nowachek** - October 17, 2015 at 02:27 PM