



## Russell "Russ" J. Eggerling

January 7, 1930 - July 2, 2025

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Russell J. "Russ" Eggerling, 95, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Norfolk. Father Pat McLaughlin will be officiating the service. Interment will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m., Monday, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with a Vigil Service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post 16, V.F.W. Post 1644 of Norfolk, and the United States Marines Honor Guard. Russ passed away on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Russ was born on January 7, 1930 on a farm between Creighton and Plainview, NE to John and Clara (Bleyhl) Eggerling. He attended country school Southeast of Snyder up to 8th grade, having to take his 8th grade exams in Scribner and graduated from Pilger High School in 1948. After school, Russ joined the United States Marine Corps where he served his country from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean conflict. After his military service Russ farmed in the Pilger area and worked for some neighbors until 1955 before moving to Norfolk. Russ married Erma Rose Bigge on Sept. 2, 1957, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Petersburg. After marriage the couple continued living in Norfolk where he worked at a gas station for about a year. Russ worked for Old Home Bread servicing, loading and unloading delivery

trucks, while running the Texaco Station with his dad, John Eggerling.

In 1960, Russ worked on the night shift at the Post Office part time for five to six years. While working night shift there he also drove the school bus from Assumption Academy to Burns High School for about four years, Russ and Erma were invited to Prom his last year there. He then got a job working full time sorting mail until he got a job on the day shift working at the front counter. After he got the job working days at the front counter of the Post Office, he got a part time night shift job at the Madison County Federal Employees Credit Union as a bookkeeper. Russ and Erma participated in perpetual adoration keeping holy hour every week. He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Norfolk, Bound for Glory Choir over 50 years, The Knights of Columbus, and American Legion.

Russ is survived by his children Therese (Roger) Arnold of Madison, Daniel (Angela) Eggerling of Norfolk, Mary Hanneman (Denny Yeackley) of Milford, Janet Treon of Las Cruces, NM., Ramona Eggerling of Omaha, Donald (Peggy) Eggerling of Sioux City, IA., Julie (Robert) Givehand of Old Saybrook, CT., Michelle Brudigan of Parker, CO., 14 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, siblings Robert (Judy) Eggerling of Colorado, Barb Merkel of Gretna, Marilyn Finch of Tennessee, and Lois (Paul) McKeag of Colorado. Russ was preceded in death by his wife Erma Rose Eggerling on December 15, 2020, parents John and Clara Eggerling, son-in-law Phillip Treon, granddaughter Amy Eggerling, siblings Marcelline and Howard Degener, Lucille and Wendelin Rolf, Jim and Marcie Eggerling, and John Eggerling.

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

## Visitation

JUL 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Vigil Service

JUL 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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JUL 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
2300 Madison Ave  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-2621

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dan & Euni purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell "Russ" J. Eggerling.



Dan & Euni - July 07, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Russell "Russ" J. Eggerling.



July 06, 2025 at 05:43 PM

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“ The Merkel Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Russell "Russ" J. Eggerling.



The Merkel Family - July 06, 2025 at 12:18 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Russell "Russ" J. Eggerling.



July 04, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Russell "Russ" J. Eggerling.

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July 04, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ Eggerling family, We are so sorry to hear of Russ's passing. May heaven welcome him. Our thoughts and prayers. Keith and Cathy Palmer

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Cathy Palmer - July 04, 2025 at 08:04 AM