



Russell "Russ" L. Sila Sr.

February 24, 1935 - July 10, 2025

NORFOLK – Funeral service for Russell L. “Russ” Sila Sr., 90, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Pastor Mike Moreno will be officiating the service. Interment will be at the New Lutheran Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 p.m., Tuesday, also at Stonacek Funeral Chapel. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post 16, V.F.W. Post 1644, and the United States Army Guard. Russ passed away on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Russ was born on February 24, 1935 in West Point, Nebraska to Levi and Minnie (Otto) Sila. He attended grade school in West Point and graduated from West Point High School. After his education, Russ worked for a roofing company and then later the Natural Gas Company. He married Joan Ludwig on August 5, 1956 in West Point, NE. Russ served in the United States Army from June 4, 1957 to June 3, 1959. After marriage, Russ and Joan lived in West Point, Beemer, and moved to Pierce in the 1960's. In 1968 they moved to Wahoo and worked for the Gas Company. In 1972 they moved back to Norfolk and Russ worked for Minnegasco in Norfolk until he retired in 1994. Joan worked at the Norfolk Daily News in Accounting and Advertising until she retired in 1995. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk and the American Legion. Russ enjoyed camping, traveling the United States with

his wife on their motorcycles to the East and West Coast, Canada, and Mexico. They wintered in Arizona. Russ also enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching football, and tinkering around.

Survivors include his sons Russ (Chris) Sila Jr. of Madison, Jay (Ginny) Sila of Lewiston, Idaho, Cully (Lita) Sila of Madison, 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife Joan Sila on February 20, 2024, parents Levi and Minnie Sila, siblings Duane Sila, sister Myrtle Webb, and Dean Sila.

Casket bearers will be Jestin Duerst, Steve Casto, Rachel Sila, Chancy Sila, Colton Sila, Caitlin Sila, and Megan Sila. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

New Lutheran Cemetery

12th Street Maple Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Funeral Service

JUL **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ Uncle Russ..I love you and miss you so much...you were my favorite uncle.i miss your smile and laugh..tell Aunt Joan and everyone else up in heaven I said hi. love your niece Brittney

Brittney Sila - April 11 at 10:32 AM

JW

“ I always knew them as Mr. And Mrs. Silas. I always enjoyed playing 10 point Pitch around the dinner table. I have many very fond memories of Thanksgiving and time with the family. I consider them my second home! Russ, Jay, and Cully, my condolences and if any of you would like to reconnect I can be reached at wacker5174@gmail.com. Peace and prayers! Joe

Joe Wacker - July 19, 2025 at 06:50 PM

JL

“ So sorry for your loss. Remember all the camping weekends at Weigand and then stopping at Hilltop on the way home. Keep your memories near. Prayers to you Russ, Jay, Cully and families.

Jody/Becky (Sellentin) Lerch - July 17, 2025 at 03:01 PM

DC

“ We enjoyed many motorcycle rides with Russ and Joan. Memories including camping that we will cherish forever. We miss them both, but they are riding together again. Love them.

Dale and Char - July 16, 2025 at 12:27 AM

KM

“ My work dad has gone on to meet back up with Joan ... Russ was the biggest influence on me at the gas company... He led me to be the best I could be.. We spent many evenings at the office working on the dreaded Form 1 for annual budget ... So many memories.... Thanks Russ See you later... Take care Sila boys and families Ken and Karen Morris

Ken Morris - July 15, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Russell "Russ" L. Sila Sr..



July 14, 2025 at 05:41 PM



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

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JB

“ To Cully and the rest of the Sila's I am so so sorry for the loss of Uncle Russ please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you guys I am so sorry I won't be able to make it.



Jennifer (Sila) Brunni - July 11, 2025 at 10:37 AM