



Vernon F. Hofmann

May 20, 1930 - February 16, 2021

NORFOLK -- Memorial service for Vernon F. Hofmann, 90, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 22, 2021 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk with Rev. Mike Moreno officiating. Inurnment will be a private family service at a later date at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will be 2:00-4:00 p.m., Sunday, at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk.

The service will be live-streamed on the Stonacek Funeral Chapel Facebook page. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Christ Lutheran Church or Lutheran High Northeast. Masks and social distancing are required for the visitation and service. Vernon passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at the Premier Estates of Pierce. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

Vernon was born on May 20, 1930, rural Norfolk, to George and Laura (Mecke) Hofmann. He graduated from Norfolk High School in 1948.

He married Gaynel (Volk) Hofmann on April 22, 1951, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Battle Creek. After marriage, Vernon and Gaynel lived in Norfolk, and he farmed in Norfolk, Pierce and Cuming County.

In December 1956, the family moved to Colfax, Wis., where he worked as a hired hand until later farming on his own. In 1966 Vernon worked at The Farmer's Store in Bloomer, Wis. Vernon was also a part-time volunteer EMT, drove school bus and worked at Rock Funeral Home in Bloomer.

In September 1974, the couple and son Daniel moved back to a farm in rural Norfolk.

Vernon went to work at Lynn and Al's and later Lynn and Son's. Vernon then worked for Gillette Dairy in Norfolk as an area and local route driver and also worked in production at Gillette until he retired in 1993.

Vernon drove school bus for Lutheran High Northeast and Battle Creek Public Schools as a route driver and for their school activities.

Vernon enjoyed playing cards and traveling. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk and held numerous church offices throughout his life.

Survivors include his spouse, Gaynel Hofmann of Norfolk; his children, Richard (Cindy) Hofmann of Bloomer, Gerald (Linda) Hofmann of Tabor, S.D., Cheryl (Jim) Bohl of Bloomer; son Daniel (Suzanne) Hofmann of Norfolk; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren with one on the way; sisters Delores Freudenburg of Madison and DeLene Freudenburg of Madison; many nieces and nephews and foreign exchange student, Hans Leipoldt of the Netherlands.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Laura; a sister, Marion Hofmann; and three brothers-in-law, Ervin Freudenburg, Harlan Freudenburg and Gilbert Meierhenry.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **21**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

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

Christ Lutheran Church - Norfolk
605 S 5th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
<http://tiger.clnorfolk.org/index.php>

Tribute Wall



“ *Vernon F. Hofmann*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Dear Gaynel and children, Arla just called to tell me the news of Vernon's death. I pray that God will keep HIS loving arms around you, Gaynel (and family) during this time of sorrow for all of you. You are in my thoughts & prayers--Joyce Brozek Johnson*

Joyce Johnson - February 25, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *Vern was a delight to be around during his time at Gillette Dairy. He was always cheerful and hard-working. I'm fortunate to have known him.*

*Kip Hirschbach
Former Ops and Gen Mgr*

Kip Hirschbach - February 22, 2021 at 12:04 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to Gaynel and all of Vern family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Rita Wragge*

Rita Wragge - February 20, 2021 at 08:12 PM

HL

“ Hans & Joan Leipoldt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vernon F. Hofmann.



Hans & Joan Leipoldt - February 20, 2021 at 01:17 PM

HA

“ Dear Gaynel, Dear Cheryl & Jim, Dear Dan & Suzanne, Dear Richard & Cindy, Dear Gerald & Linda,
I received the sad news of the passing of your husband, your father, your father in law and my American Host father, Vernon.
I herewith extend my deepest condolences to you all and pray that you may find the strength to bear this loss. I was privileged and blessed that Vernon & Gaynel together with Richard, Gerald, Cheryl and Dan opened your home to me in 1973 and be part of the family during the High school year of class '74. I enjoyed your hospitality. I am always great full to get to know you all. I can still picture Vernon when working at the Farmer's store in Bloomer. Once again I wish you all the strength in the coming days and will be in spirit with you during the service ceremony
All the best and greetings from your European son.
Hans

Hans - February 20, 2021 at 01:08 PM

DL

“ Dale & Lynn purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Vernon F. Hofmann.



Dale & Lynn - February 19, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vernon F. Hofmann.*



February 18, 2021 at 01:57 PM



“ *I was blessed to meet Vern and his lovely wife, Gaynel through their son Jerry. If you looked up the term lighthearted in a dictionary, I am sure Vern's picture would be there in the definition. He was a little man with a huge heart. His family was always his primary interest, but when you were with him, he made you feel as if you WERE family! I don't remember him ever saying anything negative about anything and he passed on that trait to his children as well. His legacy of faith, love, and kindness is inspirational.*

Ginny Seckora - February 18, 2021 at 09:29 AM



We send our condolences at this time of Vernon's passing. As kids, I remember family reunion gatherings in Norfolk and Battle Creek and then when you moved to Wisconsin visiting your family with my parents (Don and Mil Praeuner) and my sisters. Those are wonderful memories. I think the thing that stands out the most is the genuine happiness, love and caring that was shared. Now years later, we have had the good fortune of meeting Dan and having his excellent professional service. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and pray for peace and comfort for your entire family.
Sincerely,
Terry and Joan Stolle

terry and joan stolle - February 20, 2021 at 01:51 PM



My sincere sympathy to Gaynel; I remember Vernon as being always pleasant & wearing a smile.. God bless, pat meierhenry

Pat Meierhenry - February 21, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vernon F. Hofmann.* ”



February 18, 2021 at 08:42 AM