



Alfred H. Gergen

June 24, 1920 - November 8, 2011

Alfred Herman Gergen was born June 24, 1920, on his parent's Momence Township, Fillmore County farm near Shickley, Nebraska and passed away November 8, 2011, at Fairview Manor in Fairmont at the age of 91 years, 4 months and 15 days. He was the fourth of seven children born to Joseph "Joe" and Mary T. "Marie" Volkmer Gergen.

Alfred completed an eighth grade education at District 92, a one-room rural school within a two-mile walk from "Sunny Slope Farm," where he farmed alongside his father through the "Dirty Thirty" Depression decades of horse-drawn two-bottom plows, eventually assuming sole responsibility for the home place after WWI in 1949.

Alfred was a WWII veteran, serving from February 1942 to December 1945. He was an Army Staff Sergeant with the 99th Signal Battalion, carrying out much of his enlistment in New Guinea (Asiatic Pacific Theater). A motor pool mechanic, it was said he drew horses on the jeeps and earned the nickname "Toe" when a fallen axle broke his.

On March 28, 1951, Alfred was married to Susan Ferguson Grobe, herself a war widow, at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Santa Monica, California. Four children were born to them. In addition to farming the home place, Alfred was a longtime and dedicated member of American Legion Post 164 and of St. Mary's Turkey Creek Parish and cemetery committee.

Alfred was preceded in death by wife Susan, parents Joseph and Mary, brother Wilfred Joseph, and sisters Leona Gergen Schwabauer, Marie Gergen

Garritson and Bertha Gergen Bauman Weyand.

He is survived by sisters Marcella Gergen Block of Seneca, Kansas and Maxine Gergen Lowery of Hastings, daughter Mary Gergen Dillman and son-in-law Dale Dillman of Kearney, son Joseph Gergen of Omaha, daughter Joan Gergen Wilson and son-in-law Steve Wilson of Hooper, son James Gergen and daughter-in-law Carol Peterson of Topeka, Kansas, and by eight grandchildren and two great grandsons.

Funeral Mass for Alfred will be Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shickley, Nebraska. Rosary will be Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska. Visitation will begin Friday at 1:00 p.m. until Rosary at the Funeral Home in Geneva. Burial with Military honors will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are directed to the Shickley American Legion or St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Alfred, but now he and Susan are together again. I'm sure they are both looking down and smiling at their family and talking about what a great life they've had. Thinking of you, Micki (Dondlinger) McKibbin & Family*

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