



Aubrey L. Saltzman

April 2, 1938 - July 16, 2025

A Funeral Service for Aubrey will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the Salem Mennonite Church in rural Shickley, Nebraska with Pastor Ben Schlegel presiding.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with the family present at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Graveside Services will be held following the funeral service at the Salem Mennonite Church Cemetery in rural Shickley, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Aubrey's Funeral Service will be Livestreamed on Farmer & Son Funeral Home's Facebook Page. You do not have to have Facebook to view the livestream. Link is provided below. The livestream will start approximately 5 minutes before the Funeral Service.

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Aubrey Saltzman passed away peacefully on July 16th, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, unwavering integrity, and a deep devotion to both his loved ones and the land he worked his entire life.

Born on April 2, 1938, in a farmhouse near Shickley, Nebraska, Aubrey was the eighth of ten children born to Benjamin and Gertrude Saltzman. He grew up a classic farm kid—attending country school (yes, walking two miles uphill both ways), milking cows, raising livestock, and helping with crops. In his youth – he was baptized and became a member of Salem Mennonite Church. His upbringing in those early years helped shape the strong work ethic and resilience that would define him for life.

Aubrey graduated from Shickley High School in 1955, where he enjoyed running track and playing basketball—when the farm chores allowed. Just last weekend, he had looked forward to celebrating his 70th high school reunion with his remaining classmates.

Aubrey learned to drive young, and one of his most-told stories involved driving a cattle truck to the Omaha Stockyards as a boy, with his father Ben riding shotgun. When pulled over by a curious officer questioning why such a young boy was behind the wheel, Ben simply said, “He can’t learn to drive on the highway if he’s just driving in the field.” The officer nodded and waved them on.

Cattle buying became a lifelong passion. Taught by his father, Aubrey quickly developed a sharp eye and strong instincts. At just 16, he purchased his first group of cattle on his own, marking the foundation of a lifelong career as a cattle buyer. His reputation for honesty, integrity and fairness earned him the trust of farmers, feeders, and ranchers across the country.

In 1962, while working as a truck driver for Goodwill in Portland, Oregon, Aubrey met Glenda Henry. After a few years of long-distance dating, they married on July 30, 1965—would have been 60 years next week. Together, they raised two children.

Aubrey worked alongside his brothers Don and Roland in trucking before focusing fully on cattle buying. He helped form Saltzman Bros. and Saltzman Inc. with his brothers, a family-run business encompassing farming, cattle feeding, trucking, and cattle order buying. Their tight-knit team and commitment to quality and trust earned them a respected place in the agricultural community.

Over the decades, Aubrey logged millions of miles on the road, always prioritizing the interests of his customers. Known for his honesty and eye for quality, he often advised clients to hold off if prices weren't right—a rare and valued trait in the business. His straightforward nature, combined with a gift for conversation, helped him form lasting friendships everywhere he went. Whether on a family vacation in the California Redwoods or at a wedding in Salt Lake City, it was never a surprise when he bumped into someone he knew.

Aubrey is survived by his wife, Glenda; son Jerel (Trichia) Saltzman; daughter Jerilynn (Phillip) Robinson; and grandchildren Hanna and Regan Saltzman, and Emerie, Ethan, and Evan Robinson. He is also survived by brothers Darreld (Rhonda) Saltzman and Gary (Donna) Saltzman; sisters Mattie Kuhns and Barbara (Larry) Eichelberger; sister-in-law Leona Saltzman; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Gaylord, Roland, and Donald (Pat) Saltzman; sisters Ruby (Mahlon) Kennel and Bonnie (Don) Stutzman; brother-in-law Don Kuhns; and nephews Kevin and Darreld Stutzman, Brian Saltzman, and Grant Eichelberger.

In the spirit of Aubrey as he leaves us today “Have a better day!”

Cemetery Details

Salem Cemetery

820 Rd V
Shickley, NE 68436

Previous Events

Family Present for Visitation

JUL 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home
242 N 10th Street
Geneva, NE 68361
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<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

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Farmer & Son Funeral Home Facebook Livestream

JUL **23**. 10:25 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

CA

“ I met Aubrey at a Sale in Pratt. One time meeting, because I was setting in his chair in the ring. I didn't move I just stayed there and took it all in and all that HE gave me all afternoon about HIS chair. We met there on several return visits, but I found a different chair. We had fun visits from that time on. May you Rest In Peace my Friend.

Carol - August 19, 2025 at 06:31 PM

CA

“ Carol lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Saltzman



Carol - August 19, 2025 at 06:26 PM

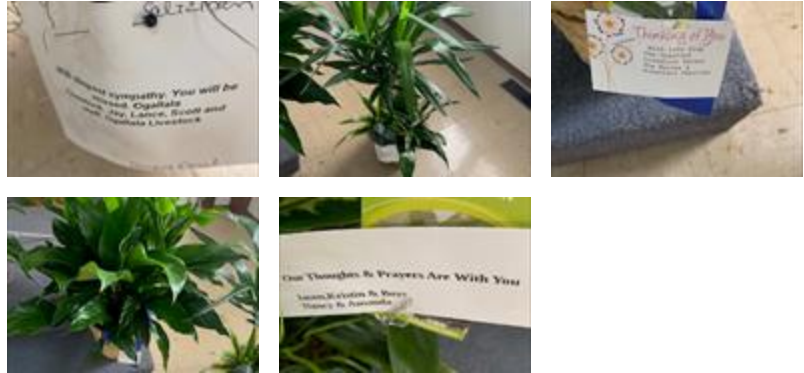
HZ

“ I met Aubrey working at the Lexington Livestock sale barn. He always had something funny to say or a good story to tell us. He was so kind. He reminded me of my grandpa, and I always thought so highly of him. Sending hugs and prayers during this hard time. He was one of my favorite cattle buyers! -Haley Zitek

HALEY ZITEK - July 27, 2025 at 07:42 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - July 23, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ Joseph S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aubrey L. Saltzman.

Joseph S. - July 22, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aubrey L. Saltzman.

July 22, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Aubrey L. Saltzman.



July 22, 2025 at 03:09 PM

TF

“ *The Boys from Hayes Feedyards purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Aubrey L. Saltzman.*



The Boys from Hayes Feedyards - July 22, 2025 at 01:40 PM

MA

“ *Marilyn Stutzman, Tricia, Ryan, Andrea purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Aubrey L. Saltzman.*



Marilyn Stutzman, Tricia, Ryan, Andrea - July 22, 2025 at 12:47 PM

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“ *-- purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Aubrey L. Saltzman.*



-- - July 22, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aubrey L. Saltzman.*

July 21, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Aubrey L. Saltzman.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aubrey L. Saltzman.

July 21, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Aubrey L. Saltzman.*



July 21, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Sincere sympathy to Aubrey's family. . Being a Shickley High classmate, I planned on seeing you at our 70th Alumni in Shickley to discuss our school days so am shocked. Our dear Lord is in charge. RIP classmate. 🕊️. Ila Mae (Frieden) Nelson*

ila Nelson - July 20, 2025 at 11:30 PM

MF

“ Mattie and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Aubrey L. Saltzman.



Mattie and family - July 19, 2025 at 03:06 PM

MF

“ Mattie and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Aubrey L. Saltzman.

Mattie and family - July 19, 2025 at 03:06 PM

CS

“ I worked as office mgr for Franck Diercks at Gordon Livestock Auction Co. in the 1980s. Aubrey was a weekly buyer during the fall run season and a very respected man. He and Franck were 2 of the best. RIP good and faithful servant.

Cindy Sandoz - July 18, 2025 at 12:21 PM

JB

“ With deepest sympathy to all of Aubrey's family. I enjoyed attending Shickley High School and being friends of Aubrey. He was a lot of fun. Memories are wonderful, keep them close to your hearts.
Jenice (Anderson) Bates



Jenice (Anderson) Bates - July 18, 2025 at 09:55 AM

JG

“ Jason george lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Saltzman



Jason george - July 18, 2025 at 03:57 AM

CJ

“ Chad and Audra Johnston purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Aubrey L. Saltzman.



Chad and Audra Johnston - July 17, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Aubrey L. Saltzman.

July 17, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Aubrey L. Saltzman.



July 17, 2025 at 07:45 PM

MC

“ Marge Kremer (Cousin)m lit a candle in memory of Aubrey Saltzman



Marge Kremer (Cousin)m - July 17, 2025 at 03:57 PM

ET

“ Ed, Tim, Matt & Beth Neppi(G.I. Trailer) purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Aubrey L. Saltzman.



Ed, Tim, Matt & Beth Neppi(G.I. Trailer) - July 17, 2025 at 03:54 PM

NN

“ I went to country school with the Saltzman family until the 7th grade. They were friends and it felt like family to me. We played ball, had a play house in the coal shed. Holiday events ! So many childhood memories. After school I'd walk them part way home. So sorry for the loss of Aubrey. Prayers ongoing for the families.

Nila Jean Norder - July 17, 2025 at 03:34 PM