



Bernard W. Zeleny

December 26, 1926 - October 28, 2020

A Funeral Service for Bernard was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Milligan, Nebraska with Pastor Murry Johnston presiding.

There were 3 songs for Bernard's funeral service. Accompanist, Karen Kohler, accompanied the congregation in 2 songs, "Amazing Grace" and "In The Garden". There was one special recording played, "America The Beautiful" by Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert.

Casket Bearers included Cody Valentine, Rich Barak, Jack Slocum, Alex Uldrich, Ron Uldrich, Bill Slezak, Sam Zeleny and Max Zeleny.

Honorary Casket Bearers were Mike Zeleny, Jeff Zeleny, Ben Darnell, Todd Cook and John Zeleny.

Military Graveside Services were conducted by the Milligan American Legion HSSK Post 240 at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Milligan, Nebraska.

Memorials were directed to the Milligan American Legion or the Milligan Fire & Rescue.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Bernard Wayne Zeleny was born to Mike Zeleny and Frances Uldrich Zeleny on December 26, 1926 at the farm home 2 miles south of Burress, Nebraska. Bernard left his family's arms for God's on October 28, 2020 at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, Nebraska.

As a young boy, Bernard attended Country School District #68 for two years and after his parents moved to the home place, he finished his country schooling at District #25. He later graduated with the Class of 1944 from Exeter Public School. During his youth, he enjoyed hunting with his childhood friend, Don Sluka, also trapping fur bearing animals. He was a loyal member of a beef 4-H Club. Bernard played football in High School and was active in school plays.

During World War II, Bernard was drafted into the US Army at 18 years old and was honorably discharged in 1945. He was a 74 year member of the Milligan American Legion Post #240; serving faithfully in the Color Guard. He was a Charter Member of the Milligan Rural Fireman, later serving as President. He was a member of the Milligan Lodge, Knights of Pythias, serving in all officer positions until attaining Chancellor. Bernard was an active member of the Milligan United Methodist Church for over 60 years.

Bernard was united in marriage to Lorene Tesar on April 19, 1951 in the little white Methodist Church in Milligan. They lived their entire married life of 68 years on a farm northwest of Milligan. He was a farmer and enjoyed farming with John Deere and Oliver tractors. Bernard raised cattle all of his life. He enjoyed fixing things, reading and watching TV, especially local news, weather, and farm markets.

God blessed their marriage with two precious children, Carol Louise and David Wayne.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather with a kind heart and a gentle spirit. Bernard was a man of simple tastes. He loved his family and treasured his friends. His gentle soul and quiet manner earned him the affection and admiration of many. His hard work and thoughtful management enabled his family to survive and thrive.

Bernard was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lorene, his parents, Mike and Frances Zeleny, brother, Bob Zeleny, brother & sister-in-law, Ralph and Arlene Hromadka, parents-in-law, James and Barbara Tesar, and nephew, Jim Zeleny.

He is survived by his children: daughter, Carol and husband, Patrick Darnell of Lincoln; and son, David of Milligan; grandchildren: Heather Liggett of Kansas; Benjamin Darnell of Tucson, Arizona; Laura and husband, Cody Valentine of Beatrice; and Kristen Zeleny of Lincoln; great-grandchildren: Aurora and Henry Liggett, Boston Donovan Zeleny and Vincent Valentine; sister-in-law, Diane Zeleny; nieces and nephews: Barbara Hromadka; Mike and wife, Amy Zeleny; Jeff Zeleny; Logan, Sam and Max Zeleny; Claire, Katherine, John and Lauren Zeleny; Deb and husband, Todd Cook and family; and Cindy Thieszen; and many cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Bohemian National Cemetery

Milligan, NE 68406

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel
Main Street
Milligan, NE 68406
(402) 759-3617
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Family Present for Visitation

NOV 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel
Main Street
Milligan, NE 68406
(402) 759-3617
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Funeral Service

NOV 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Milligan United Methodist Church
580 N Street
Milligan, NE 68406

Tribute Wall



“ *Farmer & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard W. Zeleny*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 30, 2020 at 04:03 PM

CB

“ *Carol and David,*

I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He was such a kind and loving person. He was the best man in my Mom and Dad's wedding and then became Dad's roommate at Fairview Manor. He was the best roommate that our Dad, Alfred Krupicka, could have ever asked for. I know God brought them back together so these best friends could spend the rest of their lives together.

With deepest sympathy.

Carolyn (Krupicka) Brock and Family

Carolyn Brock - November 23, 2020 at 09:15 PM

BB

“ Betty Buerer lit a candle in memory of Bernard W. Zeleny



Betty Buerer - November 07, 2020 at 07:09 PM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers to your family.

Betty Buerer - November 07, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ 17 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 03, 2020 at 01:30 PM

KG

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers to your family.

Kathy and Tom Gillmore - November 03, 2020 at 12:21 PM

HR

“ *Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Bernard W. Zeleny*



Holly Rippe - November 02, 2020 at 08:40 AM

VJ

“ *Such a kind, gentle, loving gentleman!
Thoughts and prayers!*

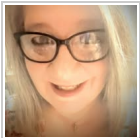


Virginia Johnson - October 31, 2020 at 09:54 AM

MR

“ *So sorry for your loss! Such a kind, caring, sweet guy with a beautiful smile, we will miss him! Our Deepest Sympathy*

Mark & Satrah Reinsch - October 30, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Bernard W. Zeleny*



Janine Uldrich - October 30, 2020 at 05:09 PM