



## Burdette H. "Butch" Pankoke

September 21, 1931 - March 27, 2012

Burdette (Butch) Herman Pankoke, 80, passed away at York General Hospital on March 27, 2012. He was born to Herman Pankoke and Minnie Yoder Pankoke on September 21, 1931. He was raised on a farm near Goehner, Nebraska and was one of six children in the family.

Butch was united in marriage to Jeanette Noler of Beaver Crossing on July 20, 1951, and to this union three sons were born; Randy, Jeff and Jamey. The family lived in York, Lincoln and Beaver Crossing, prior to moving to Fairmont in 1961, where Butch continued his masonry work with Boren Lumber Company of Fairmont and later Hoffman Construction of Sutton.

For over fifty years Butch laid brick, plastered walls, poured concrete, and set tile for many people in their homes and businesses. The people he met and the friendships he made through the years while working gave him great pleasure. Butch always saw the bright side of things, and he had a wonderful sense of humor. He will often be remembered for the gift he had in telling jokes and stories.

Butch enjoyed his family and friends very much. He and Jeanette celebrated 50 years of wedded life on July 20, 2001, with their children and grandchildren.

He loved the outdoors and wildlife. Earlier in his life he raised wild turkey, pheasants, ducks and other game birds. Butch served many years on the Fairmont Fire Department. His hobbies included growing flowers, putting jigsaw puzzles together, watching baseball and college basketball (especially

the Duke Blue Devils).

Preceding Butch in death were his parents; and his wife, Jeanette.

Butch is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Randy (Jeanne) Pankoke of Lincoln, Nebraska; Jeff (Marilyn) Pankoke of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Jamey (Joanna) Pankoke of Fairmont, Nebraska; sister Opal (Max) Clark, York, Nebraska; sister Darlene 'Tex' (John) Shafer, Plattsmouth, Nebraska; brother Clyde (Mary Lou) Pankoke, Willard, North Carolina; brother Don (LaDonna) Pankoke, Lincoln, Nebraska; brother Merle (Bonnie) Pankoke, Westminster, Colorado; nine grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren.

Private family graveside services will be held for Burdette "Butch" Pankoke on Saturday at the Fairmont Public Cemetery. Public visitation will begin Friday at 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family greeting friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska. Memorials are directed to the Fairmont Senior Center or the Fairmont Fire Department.

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Randy, Jeff, and Jamie, So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Such fond memories of Butch and Jeanette. You're in my thoughts and prayers! Coleen

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**Coleen McMahon-Seitz** - April 02, 2012 at 03:50 PM

KS

“ Dear Pankoke family, Sorry to hear of your loss. May God Bless all of you at this time. Sincerely, Kenneth and Cynthia Smetter

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**Kenneth Smetter** - April 01, 2012 at 11:47 AM

BC

“ I have some good memories working for him when I was first out of high school. One is, we were laying brick at the feed mill in Lincoln. At night when we came home we came home on the A street road. Butch in the old station wagon would let it move out. When we would speed over Jack Rabbit hill every evening the old wagon would leave the ground and everything would get real quiet and then "rump" as we hit the ground. What a pleasure of working with him and having him for an uncle.

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**Bob Carr** - March 30, 2012 at 09:00 PM

CG

“ I want to express my sympathies to your family for your loss... I am a friend of Laura Pankoke in Lincoln, NE. He sounds like a lovely man and wish I could have met him.

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**Cathie Guida** - March 30, 2012 at 03:45 PM

TW

“ Dearest Jamey, Joanna and Justin,  
Butch was one heck of a guy. He touched so many lives and will never be forgotten.  
Our love, Tim and Kathleen

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**Tim and Kathleen Wilbeck** - March 29, 2012 at 05:18 PM

MJ

“ I will never forget the time when Butch & Jeannette came to California and stayed with Mom & Dad. Dad put him to work right away taking out a wall and re-plastering. And Butch was right there with a smile and always eager to lend a hand. His friendliness and warmth will be missed by all, even those who only saw him every few years.

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**Merry & Jon Jennings** - March 29, 2012 at 02:07 PM

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“ R.I.P. my FRIEND, Randy

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**randy S. Nun** - March 29, 2012 at 09:47 AM

JS

“ I was sorry to hear of Butch's passing. He was a great guy, I'll always remember his great laugh. My first memories of him was riding in his yellow convertible. as a little kid that was a big deal and the first convertible I ever rode in. You are in my prayers.

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**Judy Stutzman** - March 28, 2012 at 12:42 PM

JG

“ Butch was so special. We will miss him. He was the kind of man who made up the heart of Fairmont.

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**Joe & Nancy Galaway** - March 28, 2012 at 08:09 AM