



Charles H. Brabec

October 25, 1932 - November 28, 2020

A Private Family Graveside Service for Charles was held at the Geneva Public Cemetery in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Stuart Davis presiding.

There were 2 special songs selections for Charles, "Green, Green Grass of Home" by Porter Wagoner and "I Wish Grandpas Never Died" by Riley Green.

Casket Bearers included Kevin Brabec, Dylan Brabec, Jarod Brabec, Christian Brabec, Sam Wilken and Bruce Hinz.

Military Honors were conducted by the Geneva VFW - Samuel J. Marsh Post 7102 for Charles service in our United States Army.

Memorials were directed to Geneva VFW - Samuel J. Marsh Post 7102 or First Congregational United Church of Christ - SOS Fund.

A Celebration of Life for Charles will be held at a later date.

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

Charles H. Brabec, of Geneva, 88, entered his eternal rest on November 28, 2020 at Tabitha's Journey House in Lincoln while being cared for by a loving staff and family. He was born to James ("Vaclav") Brabec and Marie Kvit on a

farm near Milligan, Nebraska on October 25, 1932, being the youngest of four children.

Charles lived his whole life in Fillmore County. In 1940 the family moved from Milligan to a farm southwest of Geneva, and in 1945 the family moved to Geneva where they remained. He graduated from Geneva High School in 1951 and worked several jobs before entering the Army, where he served during the Korean War from 1953-1955. He arrived at the DMZ in Korea on December 24, 1953 where he was stationed for 13 months and was trained in communications, including learning morse code. He then returned to Geneva and soon met Donna Babcock. They were married on August 18, 1956 and made their home in Geneva. They were blessed with three children, Bradford (1959), Kevin (1961), and Renee (1964).

In 1959 he began his career with the United States Postal Service and retired in 1990 after 31 years. During his first five years as a postal carrier he would work long, hard days carrying mail and then come home and work for the Geneva Sale Barn driving a cattle truck to the Omaha Stockyards and other communities.

Charles was an involved father and loved to travel with his family. His favorite time spent with his family was that of going camping and boating. He also enjoyed the outdoors fishing with family and friends, and spending Saturday mornings in the fall hunting for pheasants and then watching Husker football in the afternoon. Most of all, he loved his time getting to know his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Charles was an incredibly active member of his community. He attended the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Geneva for 50 years and tried to follow the teaching of Christ by being the faithful servant the Lord asked him to be. He was also involved in Boys Scouts while his sons were going

through Scouts, served as secretary of the Fillmore County Fair Board for eight years and served on the Geneva City Council for eight years. He was part of the first Geneva Rescue Squad serving for 25 years and later drove the Fillmore County Hospital ambulance for 12 years. Being the caring individual that he was and wanting to help those who served our country, he eventually drove the Veterans Service Van for Fillmore County for eight years. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and the American Legion and was active for many years on the military firing squad. Charles always had a little bit of being a farmer in him, driving grain carts and trucks during harvest for a few local farmers during his retirement.

Charles is survived by his loving wife Donna, sons Brad (Deb) and Kevin (Janelle), and daughter Renee Hinz (Bruce). He is also survived by grandchildren Jarod (Courtney) Brabec, Kaylin (Sam) Wilken, Christian (Ashley) Brabec, Dylan Brabec (fiancé Melissa Tiano), Colby Brabec, Cydney Brabec, Brooklin Hinz, Bayler Hinz and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents, brothers James and Milo Brabec, and sister Marian Matthews.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall

DD

“ I worked with Charlie on many rescue calls and ambulance transfers for seven years when I lived in Geneva in the nineties. Would occasionally run into him at VA in Grand Island when he brought people to appointments. A great man. Donna and family our thoughts and prayers go out to you.
Debbie and Matt Durgan

Debbie Durgan - December 05, 2020 at 10:08 PM

TW

“ My sincere condolences to Donna and all of the Brabec family. What a great man, and I am so sorry for your loss. Great memories of him and all of you while growing up with your family. Prayers and love now and in the days ahead. Tammy Ward

Tammy Ward - December 05, 2020 at 11:47 AM

BW

“ Bill Webb lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Brabec



Bill Webb - December 04, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ 17 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 04, 2020 at 10:46 AM



“ Charles- I never had the opportunity to personally meet you but I did in your sons stories. I've smiled, laughed, daydreamed, and cried the past few months knowing the difficulty you all have been going through.



I've had the opportunity to work with your son over the past handful of years and you must be one proud father- Brad is amazing. When he talked about you and his voice changed and he often glowed. I learned that you were a man dedicated to service- serving in the Korean War, serving the community as a Postal worker, and excellent father. Thank you for your service. You brought happiness and joy to others.

Wishing the family peace, comfort, and courage during this difficult time. Know you are in my thoughts. - Amber P.

Amber - December 03, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles H. Brabec.*



December 03, 2020 at 05:50 PM



“ *Donna and family, I was sad to see the passing of Charlie. He was such a good friend and co-worker. Remember, he helped me paint my house and several other projects. Camping at the state fair in Lincoln, so many good memories.*

Larry and Mary Larson

Larry Larson - December 02, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ *Charles and I had a special bond. When he was just a boy, he went with my folks, George and Evelyn Koehler, to get me at the orphanage. I didn't know that until he told me some years ago. He was quite a guy. We have missed him since this whole Covid thing happened. My sympathy to his family.*

Alice Tatro - December 02, 2020 at 05:43 PM

VJ

“ Donna and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Charles was a very kind man that would do anything to help someone. His driving the Veterans to appointments in Lincoln was a special time for Dad, as long as he got the front seat! He would tell me about their visits and always a smile on his face. Thoughts and prayers!



Virginia Johnson - December 01, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles H. Brabec.



December 01, 2020 at 02:01 PM

LE

“ Donna and Family

Charlie was a good man and I enjoyed visiting with him. He drove the FCH ambulance for many years and was a good dependable employee for me. He always came when we called, day or night, rain or shine. He will be missed.

Our sincere sympathy, and may the peace of Christ surround each of you in these difficult days.

Larry and Barbara Eichelberger

Larry Eichelberger - December 01, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Deb Brabec - December 01, 2020 at 06:32 AM

VA

“ Vicki Allgood lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Brabec



Vicki Allgood - December 01, 2020 at 02:25 AM

BS

“ Charles served the Geneva community and definitely left his mark in so many different ways.

Bonnie and Jack Sibert - November 30, 2020 at 11:18 PM

BB

“ Sorry to here of your loss



Bobbie Bock-Itzen - November 30, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles H. Brabec.*



November 30, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ *LISA DONDLINGER lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Brabec*



LISA DONDLINGER - November 30, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Brabec*



Bonnie Rippe - November 30, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ *Our sympathy to Donna & family. We always enjoyed visits with Charles. He loved to reminisce & talk of his family. He was a great person.*

dorothy & harold moravec - November 30, 2020 at 03:31 PM

LB

“ *Lori & Bob Brooke purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Charles H. Brabec.*



Lori & Bob Brooke - November 30, 2020 at 11:37 AM

NH

“ *My thoughts and prayers to All the Brabec family. - Nancy (Ward) Hansen*



Nancy (Ward) Hansen - November 30, 2020 at 11:17 AM

JW

“ *My prayers to the family! Charles was a very kind man and will be missed!*
Jeff and Barb Whitley



Jeff and Barb Whitley - November 30, 2020 at 09:39 AM

DR

“ *Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Brabec*



Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe - November 30, 2020 at 09:38 AM

LM

“ *Lynn Mussman lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Brabec*



Lynn Mussman - November 30, 2020 at 09:18 AM

BM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Charles' passing. He was a wonderful man. I always enjoyed visiting with him!! Sending my thoughts and prayers to you Donna and your family.*



Brenda Motis - November 30, 2020 at 07:53 AM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Brabec*



Kent & Rose Theobald - November 29, 2020 at 08:09 PM