



Daniel J. "Frank" Baxa

August 22, 1954 - November 4, 2024

Daniel Joseph Baxa was born to Leonard J. & Marvel A. (Jansky) Baxa on August 22, 1954 at Friend, Nebraska. He passed away November 4, 2024 at his home near Tobias, Nebraska at the age of 70 years, 2 months, and 13 days. He was one of 10 children born in the family.

Frank, as he was affectionately known, was raised on the family farm near Tobias, Nebraska. He received his nickname 'Frank' from his high school football teammates in reference to Frank Solich because of the way he ran when he played football. He didn't hold anything back. He graduated from Meridian High School in 1972. In his younger years, he worked for Dan Drees and other area farmers. He spent some time on the road with his older brother, Allen, painting area grain elevators. He also worked at Peterson Manufacturing (American Tool) for several years, before taking employment with Fillmore County Roads Department. He retired from Fillmore County Roads in 2019. In retirement, he still enjoyed helping area farmers when able, piddling at "The Ranch," north of Tobias, and attending grandchildren's events.

Frank was married to Mary Roesler on August 23, 1980. Two daughters were born to this union: Melissa Dawn in 1983 and Melinda Sue in 1986. Frank & Mary lived in Daykin for a short while before moving to a farm house near Saline Center in 1984. Frank & Mary were divorced in 1998. Frank married

Julie Erks in 2004 before divorcing in 2021.

Frank enjoyed the simple things in life. He was an avid Nebraska Football fan, enjoyed tractor drives, mowing, farming, and spending time at “The Ranch.” He especially enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a member of the Tobias Sons of the American Legion.

Frank was preceded in death by his brother Allen; parents Leonard and Marvel; brother-in-law Wayne Novotny; and nephew Reis Blobaum.

He is survived by his daughters Melissa Baxa & Jason Delay and Mindy Baxa & Dustin Allen; grandchildren Xander Baxa-Delay, Aspen Baxa-Delay, Sarina Lavilay, Javon Allen, Somsai Baxa, and Sawyer Lavilay; siblings Jim & Peggy Baxa, Steve Baxa, Ralph & Jan Baxa, John & Betty Baxa, Kevin & Dawn Baxa, Mike & Lisa Baxa, Connie Novotny, and Sandy Vandenhoeck; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Frank was held on Friday, November 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Tobias, Nebraska. Father Robert Barnhill presided over the Mass. Judy Rada accompanied the congregation in the singing of “Amazing Grace,” “Here I Am Lord,” and “How Great Thou Art.” The recorded selection “The Old Rugged Cross” sung by Johnny Cash was played as the recessional song.

Pallbearers include Somsai Baxa, Xander Baxa-Delay, Jason Delay, Matt Baxa, Richard Drake, Brant Schwisow, Dwaine Honea, and Dustin Allen. Honorary Pallbearers included Apsen Baxa-Delay, Sawyer Lavilay, Sarina Lavilay, and Javon Allen.

A Graveside Service was held in the Tobias Cemetery.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the family.

Cemetery Details

Tobias Cemetery

2141 Road 300
Tobias, NE 68453

Previous Events

Mass Of Christian Burial

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
511 Elm St
Tobias, NE 68453

Tribute Wall



“ 8 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - November 08, 2024 at 04:47 PM

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“ Karen Kronhofman lit a candle in memory of Daniel Baxa



Karen Kronhofman - November 07, 2024 at 09:02 PM

GS

“ My memories of Dan, always Dan to me... encompass many summers on the Baxa farm. Traipsing together in a field way too close to the lone bull, trying to teach me to milk a cow, hearing Aunt Marvel shouting "Daniel Joseph!", us laughing at life. Years later he'd be the one to put me on a backhoe "because I'd always wanted to drive one." I can hear him say my name now. I've lost My 2nd Honey Boy. Thank you cousin for all the fun & love

Ginny Shidal - November 06, 2024 at 05:08 PM

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“ FOP Lodge 45 / Gage County purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daniel J. "Frank" Baxa.



FOP Lodge 45 / Gage County - November 06, 2024 at 04:50 PM

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“ FOP Lodge 45 / Gage County planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel J. "Frank" Baxa.

FOP Lodge 45 / Gage County - November 06, 2024 at 04:50 PM

CC

“ The car that the roof was cut off of that Frank would bring over to Grandma and Grandpa's during family reunions. Don't remember what it was called, but I remember all of us younger crew wanted to drive it. You always had quite the collection of random things and you are truly missed and loved.

Christina (Baxa) Christ - November 05, 2024 at 07:44 PM