



Delbert L. Winkler

June 6, 1932 - November 16, 2012

Delbert Lee Winkler, was born to Leo J. Winkler and Nellie (Lovegrove) Winkler on June 6th, 1932 on a farm in Fairmont, NE, and he passed away Friday, November 16, 2012 at 00:43 in Omaha, NE at the VA Hospital at the age of 80 years, 5 months and 10 days.

He was raised on a farm near Fairmont, NE and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1950. He was drafted into the Army in 1952 and served during the Korean War. Upon serving in the Korean War, he returned home and married Darlene Steinacher on February 21, 1952 and to them 3 children were born. Delbert, Darlene and family lived on a farm 6 miles south of Exeter, NE and farmed until 1974, when they pulled up stakes and moved to Stromsburg, NE. Delbert drove semi for McBride Transport, then went on to manage the Coop Oil Inc, until the mid 80's. He retired in January 2012 after 30 years of service at the Rally Auto Parts Store in Stromsburg.

Delbert loved his country and his fellow Legionnaires. He was a member of the Milligan American Legion HSSK #240, Geneva VFW Samuel J. Marsh Post #7102, and the Stromsburg American Legion Post #132, for many years. Delbert was recently named Honorary Veteran for 2012 by the Stromsburg American Legion Post #132 where he served as Commander for many years. Delbert also loved to camp and was an active member of The Nebraska Good Sam's Camper Organization, where he served as State Director for four years. Delbert was preceded in death by his parents, Leo J. and Nellie Winkler, infant sister Margaret Jean, grandson Casey Winkler, brother-in-law Wayne Stone.

He is survived by his wife Darlene of 60 years; son Michael Winkler and friend Cindy, and granddaughter Carly Winkler; daughter Laurie and husband Sean Reavis, and grandson's Mathew, Mitchell, and Maxwell; daughter Patti and husband Joe Johnson, and grandchildren Elizabeth and Evan; and his sister Winona "Sally" Stone.

Memorial services were conducted from Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, NE on Wednesday, November 21st, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Tom Walsh officiating. Father Walsh led the congregation in the singing of "How Great Thou Art," "I Am The Bread Of Life," and "Immaculate Mary." Military Graveside services were held at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Milligan and performed by the Milligan American Legion HSSK Post 240.

Memorials are to be directed to the family.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ Dear Laura and family, Words escape us at a time like this. Max just glowed when he talked about Grandpa Delbert and we know what a great dad he was; for his daughter is a reflection. May your memories be warm, happy, and consoling. You are not far from our thoughts. Hugs and Love. The Donald and Fran

Don & Fran Deachin - November 21, 2012 at 06:12 PM

LT

“ Darlene and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Delbert's death. I have many fond memories of being at your house for sleep overs. May you find comfort in your memories. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. (Hugs to you Laura) Lynnelle Trauger Jameson, Huntington and Alexis

Lynnelle Trauger - November 20, 2012 at 04:30 PM

JH

“ Love you, guys! You are in our prayers!

Jessie Havenridge - November 19, 2012 at 01:13 PM

PN

“ Laura, Patti and families, I never had the pleasure of meeting your father but I often enjoyed hearing about him. I think Delbert sounded like a wonderful man and may your memories and the promises of everything that Heaven holds bring you comfort and strength! God bless the Winkler family!! Love, Patty & the girls

Patty Novacek - November 18, 2012 at 10:01 PM

BS

“ We were very surprised and saddened by the death of Delbert. He was a great man in the Good Sam Club. We will all miss him very much. The Samborees won't be the same without him.

Bob and Pam Sondag - November 18, 2012 at 09:45 PM

AR

“ Laura, We were saddened to hear of the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you honor the memory of a special person.

Ann Rose - November 18, 2012 at 09:11 PM

MR

“ We are sorry to hear about Delbert, he was such a kind & gentle man.... he was a friend to everyone he met. Delbert will forever live in the hearts of everyone who knew him. With Deepest Sympathy,

Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan Reinsch - November 17, 2012 at 02:26 PM