



Douglas R. Fintel

May 13, 1953 - December 22, 2025

A Memorial Service for Doug will be held on Friday, December 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska with Pastor Leah Krotz presiding.

No visitation will be held as it was Doug's wishes to be cremated.

Committal of Ashes will be held following the Memorial Service at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Bruning, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Douglas (Doug) R. Fintel was born May 13, 1953 in Hebron, Nebraska, to Walter & Ida (Wertsbaugh) Fintel. He was baptized June 9, 1953, at Peace Lutheran Church in Deshler and confirmed in 1967 at Trinity Lutheran Church - Friedensau. Doug departed his earthly life at the age of 72 on December 22, 2025, Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva, Nebraska.

In April of 1954, Walter chose to have Doug live with his Aunt & Uncle, Matilda & Earl Werner of rural Carleton, calling them Mom & Dad. He gained older siblings Mary Ann & Eugene. Walter later remarried & Doug would get to spend a few weeks each summer with his Dad, step-mom Shirley & younger siblings Kirk, Linda & Mark, who resided in Lincoln.

Doug attended Kindergarten at Carleton Public School, Elementary at

Friedensau Lutheran School, 7-8 grades at St Peters Lutheran School in Deshler & high school at Bruning Public School, graduating in 1971.

On June 2, 1973, at 20 years old, he married his high school sweetheart, Janice Edzards, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, and were blessed with children Amy Christine in August of 1978 & Aaron Todd in December of 1982. Doug grew up on the Werner Dairy south of Carleton, which instilled the 'can't just sit idle' work ethic in him. He worked the dairy with his parents, brother & brother-in-law until Janice's dad retired from farming in the mid-1970's. In 1981, Doug, Janice & Amy moved out to the Edzards' family farm on Hwy 4. On June 12, 1984, a violent tornado completely flattened the farm & destroyed all their farm machinery. They rebuilt in the same place and moved into the new home the week before Thanksgiving in 1984. Doug & Janice worked incredibly hard to rebuild the farming operation and Doug was still the 'combine captain' this past fall. Although he had passed the farming torch to Aaron and his oldest grandson, Hunter, he was still involved in the day to day as much as he could. You would always see Doug driving his white Chevy pickup on the same route twice a day checking on the fields and his friends. Several people said that you could set your watch by Doug's 'tootling' time – usually 10 am & 4:30 pm is when the trip would start.

Doug enjoyed league bowling for years at Blue Valley Bowl in Hebron. Many a crazy story was told about adventures to state bowling tournaments.

Later in life Doug found himself emersed in the game of golf. He was a member of the Hebron Country Club for many years and thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the men's golf leagues. There wasn't a tournament he wouldn't play in. His favorite golf partner was his son, Aaron, and they placed in several tournaments at Hebron, Friend & Geneva over the years. They were fortunate enough to be able to go play several different courses together as well, such as Tiburon in Omaha & Quarry Oaks by Ashland. Doug & Amy were also known to hit up the couples tournaments in the area when they could.

Doug was preceded in death by parents Walter & Shirley Fintel, Earl & Matilda

Werner, in-laws Alton (Tony) Edzards & Ardean Edzards Cogger, brother Eugene Werner, brother-in-law Richard Edzards & nephew Bryan Heinrichs. Doug is survived by his wife of 52 years Janice, daughter Amy & husband Aaron Peterson, son Aaron Fintel & wife Jodi, grandsons Hunter Fintel, Hudson Fintel, Asher Peterson & granddaughter Aeryn Peterson, all of Bruning; sister Mary Ann & husband Larry Heinrichs of Davenport; sister-in-law Elaine Werner of Carleton; brother Kirk & wife Margaret Fintel, sister Linda & husband William Masters, Jr., & brother Mark Fintel, all of Lincoln; brother-in-law Larry & wife Betty Edzards of Bruning; sister-in-law Nancy Edzards of Omaha; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins & friends.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Bruning, NE 68322

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
300 E Main Street
Bruning, NE 68322

Tribute Wall



“ 54 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 26, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ Justin, Lindsey, Leo, & Olivia Nelson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas R. Fintel.

Justin, Lindsey, Leo, & Olivia Nelson - December 26, 2025 at 06:51 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Douglas R. Fintel.



December 26, 2025 at 06:51 AM

KJ

“ I remember going on a road trip to Colorado with Doug, Terry Eng, and John Mumm. We went out to see Al Lentfer. We left at night, after I got off work at Leiswald Welding co. We ran out of gas at 2:00Am, halfway between North Platte and Ogallala. It was -2 degrees. We thought we were going to freeze to death. Finally saw a vehicle coming up from behind and waved him down. He happened to have a 5 gallon can of gas in the bed of his truck. We paid him \$5 for it. (That’s when gas was about 40 cents a gallon. Ask me to tell you the rest of the story sometime. This was in December’71 or ‘72.

Kelly Johnson - December 25, 2025 at 09:18 PM

HW

I’m so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Heidi Wedel - December 26, 2025 at 12:53 PM

BR

“ Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Douglas Fintel



Bonnie Rippe - December 25, 2025 at 08:56 PM

MF

“ Mark and Melissa Vejraska Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas R. Fintel.

Mark and Melissa Vejraska Family - December 24, 2025 at 01:31 PM

MF

“ *Mark and Melissa Vejraska Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Douglas R. Fintel.*



Mark and Melissa Vejraska Family - December 24, 2025 at 01:31 PM

AI

“ *All of us at Tuttle Inc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas R. Fintel.*

All of us at Tuttle Inc - December 24, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas R. Fintel.*



December 24, 2025 at 10:31 AM

BP

“ *Brandon & Lindsey Ehmen, Peyton, Preston purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Douglas R. Fintel.*



Brandon & Lindsey Ehmen, Peyton, Preston - December 24, 2025 at 09:27 AM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Douglas Fintel*



Virginia Johnson - December 23, 2025 at 08:27 PM

CW

Janice and family my deepest condolences to you. Some good times in our younger years... lots of pool between two Doug's! Hugs dear friend



Colleen Wiedel - December 25, 2025 at 06:31 PM