



Frederick J. Kottas

August 9, 1918 - August 24, 2011

Services for Fritz will be held on Friday, August 26, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel in Milligan. Visitation will be on Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family greeting friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Memorials are directed to the family.

Frederick J. (Fritz) Kottas was born August 9, 1918 in rural Fillmore County to Fred and Vlasta (Kolar) Kottas. He died on August 24, 2011 at Tiffany Square in Grand Island at the age of 93 years, two weeks and one day. Fred graduated from Milligan High School in 1936 and worked in Milligan until enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. He served in the U.S., England, France and Germany as a fighter plane mechanic during the war, and was part of the Normandy invasion. Following the war, Fred returned home and farmed near Milligan until he retired in 1993.

While in the military, he married Angeline Novak on August 21, 1942. The couple had two children, Beverly and Brian. Fred was a devoted husband and father, and cared for Angeline during the years of her incapacity prior to her death in 2008. Fred was a patient and quiet man who loved his family and the land. He was a gifted mechanic and often repaired machinery for his brothers who farmed. He enjoyed going to school and sporting events for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and followed University of Nebraska sports closely. He was a member of the Milligan United Methodist church.

Following Angeline's death, he lived part of the time on his farm and the remainder of the time with his daughter, Beverly and her husband, Mike Nolan, at their home in Grand Island. He especially enjoyed the friendships he developed at the Grand Island Senior Center during the time he spent there.

Frederick was preceded in death by his parents, wife Angeline, brothers Harry, Otto, Milo and Edward.

He is survived by His daughter, Beverly Nolan and husband Mike of Grand Island, and son, Brian and wife Jeanne of Ceresco, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, Jarmila Kottas of Friend and Emily Betka of Beatrice, and many nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ We hope you find comfort in knowing that your loved one is in a wonderful place of love and light. We honor his life and are so sorry for your loss.

Marty and Doris Jansky - August 26, 2011 at 02:09 PM

RC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family with the loss of your father. We read the obituary in the Grand Island paper. God bless, Bob and Berdie

Roberta Cool - August 26, 2011 at 10:50 AM

CD

“ Brian and Jeanne,
We are saddened to hear of the passing on of your father. He sounded like a wonderful man - and ideal Nebraskan - farmer, Husker fan, and Vet.

Crystal & Don Day - August 25, 2011 at 07:29 PM

JR

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Fred Kottas. My Mother was Dorothy Kolar daughter of Fred & Alma Kolar so we are related. I remember Fred and Angel when we used to have family get togethers. Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Jim & Becky (Strotman) Rathman - August 25, 2011 at 10:15 AM