



George G. Bender

June 17, 1931 - September 10, 2014

Funeral Services for George will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 13, 2014, at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska. Interment will be in the Geneva Public Cemetery. Visitation will begin Friday, September 12, 2014, at 1 pm. until 8 p.m. with family greeting friends from 5 - 8 at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Memorials are in care of the family.

M.Sgt. George Glenalan Bender (Ret.) was born to Joseph Leroy Bender and Mildred Jean McClintock Bender on June 17, 1931 in Geneva, NE. He passed away on September 10, 2014 at Midwest Covenant Home in Stromsburg, NE at the age of 83 years, 2 months and 23 days. He was one of 4 children in the family.

George was born and raised in Geneva and graduated from Geneva High School. He enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 17, 1951. He retired from the military on July 31, 1976. During his career, he served in the Korean and Vietnam War. He was awarded the Bronze Star on July 2, 1967. During his years of service, he and his family lived in California, Colorado, and Nebraska. After his retirement, he worked as a Pinkerton Security guard at Sundstrand in York, NE. He continued to live in York until January 2013 when he moved to Midwest Covenant Home in Stromsburg where he resided until the time of his death.

George was married to Kathleen O'Brien of Grafton, NE on February 22, 1952 and to them 3 children were born. George was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Stromsburg. His hobbies included taking care of lawn and plants, dancing and fishing. He found joy in attending the activities of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

George was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mildred, his brother, Rodney, nephew, Kevin, sister-in-law, Mary Lou Koterzina, and his lifelong friend, Kathleen.

He is survived by a sister, Joann (Gordon) Polak of York, a brother, Bob of Taylor, NE, daughter, Karen (Joe) Schinzel of Stromsburg, NE, son, William (Amy) Bender, Utica, daughter, Sara (Marty) Miller of Columbus. Four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, Jenny (Mike) Brown; Kole, Logan, and Scout of Columbus, NE; Jesse (Charissa) Johnson, Gavin and Carter of Lincoln, NE; Barb (Derek) Loseke, Caitlin and Addison of Omaha, NE, and Cody Bender of Utica, NE.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Sara, Bill & Karen,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and the day's to come. You dad loved his family. He always made my day when he would call out of the blue just to chat. We love you all. We will miss you Uncle George.
Kirk, Leslie Bender and families.

Leslie Bender - September 13, 2014 at 12:20 PM

KM

“ Sara and Family, Our deepest sympathy to you all may you find comfort in the day's ahead. Kristi&David Martensen and Family

kristi martensen - September 13, 2014 at 10:59 AM

KB

“ Sara, Karen & Bill....sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle George. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kelly Bender

Kelly Bender - September 12, 2014 at 03:21 PM

KW

“ Dear Karen, Bill, Sara and families,

We are so sorry to learn of Uncle George's passing. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

*Love,
Kathleen (McCarthy) and Tim Wilbeck*

Kathleen Wilbeck - September 11, 2014 at 09:47 PM

SD

Dad , it's been a week since we said goodbye. I miss you so much, our families, the girls, and grandkids do as well.. yet I can imagine that you are dressed in jeans, gray tshirt-tan hat with a star on it and helping with the landscape in heaven and making sure the roses are beautiful. So many kind words have been expressed to use in your loss. Please tell mom hello as well as everyone who has gone home who we miss so deeply for. although it hurts to know , no more cookies shared, pancakes either.. we lean on gods strength and peace. Please know we will be ok.. and Until we meet again...you are always as close as our hearts. Love you very, very, much!!! ~ Sara

Sara/ Georges Daughter - September 17, 2014 at 11:45 AM

SM

Dad, 4 years now, and life marches on. Not the same, a new reality, a new normal. Since we lost you that day in Sept we also lost Bill that next July 1, 2015. For every day we miss you it also brings our hearts to mom and Bill as well. Our family of 5 is now Karen and I yet blessed with our families, Cody is a senior this year and Bill and you Grandpa would be so proud. I miss you, Aunt Joann and Uncle Bob do as well as all your family. For now we move forward knowing there is more than this.. Knowing life is beautiful and all is well... I miss you Dad, Love you...

Sara(Bender) Miller - September 10, 2018 at 10:56 AM