



## Laurence R. Bauer

November 5, 1930 - June 19, 2016

Memorial services will be held for Laurence on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Geneva, NE with Pastor Stephen Kruschel officiating.

There will not be any visitation-cremation.

In Lieu of Flowers, memorials are to be directed to the family for a later designation.

Military inurnment services will take place following the memorial service at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Rural Shickley, NE.

Laurence R. Bauer was born to William D. and Sarah C. (Griess) Bauer on November 5th 1930 in Sutton Nebraska and passed away June 19th 2016 at Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva Nebraska at the age of 85 years 7 months and 14 days. He was one of nine children in the family.

Laurence attended country school outside of Sutton until 1942 when the family moved to Geneva. He continued his education in Geneva, graduating from Geneva High School in the Class of 1948. Laurence worked on his family's farm until joining the Air Force in 1952. After his service ended Laurence returned to resume farming and working alongside his brother

Ronald. At Ronald's wedding Laurence began a romance with his future bride Ethel Gergen.

On January 18th 1958 Laurence married Ethel M. Gergen in Shickley Nebraska and to them seven children were born.

In the early 1960s Laurence began his extensive trucking career at Lichti Bros. which he worked at a majority of his career. Laurence drove for many companies hauling a variety of cargo including cattle, chemicals, grain and gasoline. Laurence's family was very important to him and he took every opportunity to spend quality time with them when he could, so he would take his children in his truck on short runs. He worked hard and provided for his seven children and always went out of his way to be there for all member of his family and his all of his friends. Laurence never stopped giving of himself and even after retiring from Lichti's he continued to drive a truck, helping local farmers haul their grain.

Laurence became a member of Grace Lutheran Church upon moving to Geneva, and remained a member up until his death. Faith and family were both important to Laurence and Sunday was his favorite day of the week because on this day he got both. Throughout the years his children would make trips from where ever they lived to have Sunday diner (lunch) and play cards with him. The strong belief of family first was instilled in all of his children and has been passed onto his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Laurence was well known as a prankster and always had a joke for any situation, even if it wasn't the right situation. He could change the mood of a whole room just by making his entrance and people never forgot him once they met him. Laurence was a proud member of the VFW and spend many hours with his close friends playing pitch in the afternoons. Even though he was a jokester, when it was time to get serious he was all business and took care of what needed to get done.

Laurence was preceded in death by his mother and father William D. and Sarah C. Bauer. Brother William Bauer. Sister and brother-in-law Ilene and Harold Miller. Brother-in-laws Walter Griess and Harold Schmidt. Sister-in-law Kathy Bauer. Mother-in-law and father-in-law Leita and Ben Gergen. Brother-in-laws Richard Gergen and Wayne Gergen.

He is survived by his wife Ethel. His sons Todd and Stanley Bauer. Daughters Becky, Vickey, and Audrey Bauer, Denise Schropfer, Roxanne Petracek. Brothers Ronald and Lorraine "Butch" Bauer. Sisters Marion Griess, Donna Ulmer, Betty Hesselgesser, and Ruth Schmidt. Grandchildren Brandi (Tony) Biaggio, Tyler Weis, and Nathan Schropfer. Great grandchildren Makenna and Maci Biaggio. Brother-in-law Roger Gergen. Sisters-in-law Janet Gergen and Leora Smith, numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery**

Rural Shickley, NE

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ *A father is a man who instills the best of himself into his children and asks for nothing in return. With seven children, and many sacrifices, Laurence Bauer's legacy is everlasting. I love you and will hold you in my heart for eternity.* ”



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**Stan Bauer** - June 26, 2016 at 05:19 PM

TB

“ *Todd Bauer lit a candle in memory of Laurence R. Bauer* ”



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**Todd Bauer** - June 26, 2016 at 05:05 PM

LH

“ *Many hugs to you all.* ”



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**Lisa Hessheimer** - June 24, 2016 at 07:29 PM

MH

“ *Family, we offer our sympathy. Losing a good father is not easy but cherish all the wonderful times you all had together! Marc and Michelle Hultine* ”

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**Michelle Hultine** - June 24, 2016 at 01:52 PM

BB

“ *He was a great uncle with a mischievous side to him. I will miss him.*

**Bill Bauer** - June 24, 2016 at 10:51 AM

BB

“ *Bill Bauer lit a candle in memory of Laurence R. Bauer*



**Bill Bauer** - June 24, 2016 at 10:50 AM

MF

“ *Matthew Taylor FCVSO lit a candle in memory of Laurence R. Bauer*



**Matthew Taylor FCVSO** - June 24, 2016 at 09:53 AM

MF

*From one Air Force Veteran to another, I just wanted to extend my thanks and appreciation for Mr. Bauer's military service. May the Lord give you and your family peace & comfort during this time. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. RIP and "Fly High" Mr. Bauer.*

**Matthew Taylor FCVSO** - June 24, 2016 at 10:09 AM

Lynda  
Sistak

“ My favorite memory is when I stayed with my grandma in Clay Center. One time I wanted a pair of jelly sandals, so uncle Lawrence came back a few days later with 2 jars of jelly. He said they were for me so I could put my feet in some buckets so then I would have jelly sandals. He was always good for a good joke. He will be missed.

Lynda Sistak - June 24, 2016 at 09:27 AM

BT

“ So sorry for your loss.



Barbara True - June 24, 2016 at 08:29 AM

SL

“ Sarah Lux lit a candle in memory of Laurence R. Bauer



Sarah Lux - June 24, 2016 at 06:52 AM

SL

he was the funniest uncle we had, always up to something, he will be missed

Sarah Lux - June 24, 2016 at 06:54 AM

JH

“ My deepest sympathies to your family. He also came to our cafe on a regular basis for ice cream. He was a very nice man.

Jeanne Herman - June 23, 2016 at 08:50 PM



“ *Denise Schropfer lit a candle in memory of Laurence R. Bauer*



Denise Schropfer - June 23, 2016 at 08:36 PM



*Hope your journey is swift, thinking of you always. I love you Dad*

Denise Schropfer - June 23, 2016 at 08:38 PM

DE

“ *Oh what a sweet man. He came to dairy delight everyday for a twist dish even though he was not suppose to. Will miss seeing him.*

Debi - June 22, 2016 at 10:44 AM

MB

“ *Marv & Bridgette Brummer lit a candle in memory of Laurence R. Bauer*



Marv & Bridgette Brummer - June 21, 2016 at 05:39 PM

KS

“ Audrey and Vickey, although we did not know your dad personally, we feel like we “knew” him through various family stories you shared with us over the years. We knew that he was a serious family man with a mischievous sense of humor. You both have inherited those qualities. We also know that he loved his family and you loved him dearly And we know he will be greatly missed, but he has left you a wealth of memories, which reside in your heart. May God bless your family. Love, Fran and Ken

Ken & Fran Smith - June 21, 2016 at 04:35 PM

ME

“ Sorry about your Dad, he was an awesome man ❤️

Mark, Sarah, Brandon & Ethan - June 21, 2016 at 01:26 PM

DH

“ Audrey and Vickey - words can not tell you how sorry I was to hear about your Father. Although I never meet him I feel like I know him through you. Take care of yourself and know my prayers and thoughts are with you.  
Debbi



Debbi Halliday - June 21, 2016 at 08:27 AM

JW

“ Jan Wood lit a candle in memory of Laurence R. Bauer



Jan Wood - June 20, 2016 at 01:27 AM

JW

*I am so very sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed my conversations with Laurence, his laugh was contagious, and his smile infectious. God Bless You All. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Jan Wood** - June 20, 2016 at 01:29 AM

MB

*We are so very sorry for your loss.  
Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers.  
I will always remember him asking me if I have  
dusty floors at home.....(in fun he meant)  
when I didn't have my little  
Yorkie dog "Dusty Flohrs" with Me!*

**Marv & Bridgette Brummer** - June 21, 2016 at 05:38 PM

NM

*Uncle Laurence was always wanting to tell jokes when we would get together for family dinners. He had a keen smell for my mother's baking and would show up at the house just in time to get some to eat. He would tell us not to tell Ethel because she was cooking a meal and it would be ruin his appetite. You will be missed and can you tell my mom and dad hi for me when you see them upstairs. God Bless the family*

**Norm Miller-nephew** - June 23, 2016 at 05:58 PM

CB

*Vickey & Audrey = Our deepest sympathy at this time. = May God's light give you a safe passage through this difficult season in your life. = Your Neighbor & friend, Charles "Chuck" Buss & family in Hastings.*

**Charles W Buss** - June 23, 2016 at 10:42 PM

BE

*Laurence was a very wonderful brother and was so full of humor. I will miss him even though I never got to see him much because of the miles between us. Heaven is lucky to have you. Will see you again some day. Tell mom and dad hello for me.  
Love from your sister Betty*

**Betty** - June 24, 2016 at 07:31 AM

BH

*So sorry about loosing my brother, but he is in a better place. His humor will be missed. .Love to all the family*

**Betty Hesselgesser** - June 24, 2016 at 07:48 AM

DB

*I'm so sorry for your loss, Ethel and family. I didn't know about it until today. Thoughts and prayers for you today and in the days ahead.*

**Deb Bixby** - June 24, 2016 at 02:39 PM