



## Louis L. Schropfer

July 2, 1928 - August 11, 2019

Louis Lawrence Schropfer was born to William Joseph Schropfer and Marie Amelia (Tischer) Schropfer on July 2, 1928 at his parents' farm east of Ohiowa, and passed away August 11, 2019 at the age of 91 years, 1 month, and 9 days. He was the youngest of three sons in the family.

Louis attended grade school at two rural country schools, and he graduated from Ohiowa High School in 1945. Louis enjoyed playing sports, especially basketball in high school and baseball in Tobias. After graduation, he farmed with his Dad and brother, Jess, until he was drafted into the Army on May 5, 1951. Louis's service ended on October 17, 1951 when he received a medical discharge to undergo surgery for spinal meningitis complications. After recovering, Louis returned to the family farm.

On August 21, 1954, Louis and Darlene Ruth Bumgarner were united in marriage. To this union, five children were born. They raised their family on a farm on the south end of Ohiowa. In 1993, they moved to the home farmstead east of Ohiowa, where Louis resided and was still mowing with his dog, Skipper, seated at his feet until three weeks before his death. As a couple, Louis and Darlene enjoyed dancing, playing cards, family gatherings and vacations, and attending their kids and grandkids sporting events and activities. Pasture softball games followed by a wiener roast are fond family memories. Louis loved to share bits of wisdom to his kids on the finer points of playing and coaching sports. Grandchildren will remember Louis teaching them how to play pitch and countless card games over the years. All will remember his sense of humor, honesty and integrity, and his strong work ethic.

Louis was baptized as an infant and later joined St. John's Lutheran Church in 1954 where he served several terms on the Church Council. Louis also was a member of the Board of Education at Ohiowa Public School and the Ohiowa American Legion. He was proud to receive the Quilt of Valor, alongside his fellow veterans, in 2015.

Louis was a meticulous farmer, thrived on hard work, and took pride in his crops. Wheat

harvest was his favorite time on the farm. Just a few weeks ago, Louis was able to ride on the combine. He was amazed and appreciative of this year's bountiful wheat harvest. Louis and Darlene also raised cattle and hogs. Many times, a calf born on a cold day would end up in their house by the furnace, getting warmed up until it could return to its mom. Louis farmed with his brother Jess for many years and then later farmed until well into his 70's with Robert. After retirement and up to age 90, Louis was still able to help Robert with harvest by running the grain cart. As a name tag at Robert's 40th birthday party jokingly read, Louis was, "Robert's underpaid, underappreciated, farming expert and hired man!"

Louis lived until he died. In the last month of his life he was able to enjoy a baseball game at the College World Series, his 91st birthday celebration, a family reunion over the 4th of July, mowing with his dog, and his final wheat harvest. Louis and Darlene would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on the 21st of August.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents, William and Marie Schropfer; brothers, Reinhart (Marge) Schropfer and Jess Schropfer; son-in-law, Steve Betka, and granddaughter, Jennifer Marie Siert.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Schropfer, sister-in-law, Georgia Schropfer, and children Audrey (Jim) Betka-Mager of Lincoln; Janet (John) Siert of Eldora, Iowa; Robert (Chris) Schropfer of Ohio; Mary Schropfer of Lincoln; and Kay (Jay) Knapp of Ord. Grandchildren are Derek (Brooke) Betka; Ryan Betka; and Step Grandchildren Melissa and Jamie Mager; Grandchildren Kristen (Michael) Murphy; Matt (Alina) Siert; Carmen (Tyler) Alexander; Kimberly Schropfer; and Austin, Mitchell and Adam Knapp. Great-grandchildren are Kayleigh, Kelsey, Kaitlyn, and Kierstyn Betka; Claire and Jack Murphy; Micah Siert; and Natalie and Lauren Alexander. Louis is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, neighbors, and friends.

A Funeral Service for Louis was held on Friday, August 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ohio. PMA Jim Germer officiated the service. Nancy Cradduck accompanied the congregation in the singing of "This Is My Father's World," "On Eagle's Wings," "How Great Thou Art," and "Amazing Grace." Nancy also accompanied Brooke Betka in the singing of "In Christ Alone."

Pallbearers for the service included Derek Betka, Ryan Betka, Matt Siert, Michael Murphy, Austin Knapp, Mitchell Knapp, Adam Knapp, and Tyler Alexander. Honorary Casket Bearers included Kristen Murphy, Carmen Alexander, and Kimberly Schropfer.

Interment was held in the Ohiowa Public Cemetery with Military Rites performed by the Ohiowa American Legion Franklin Post 193 and the Nebraska Military Honor Guard.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com).

Memorials are suggested to the St. John's Lutheran Church or the Ohiowa American Legion Post 193.

# Cemetery Details

## Ohiowa Public Cemetery

Ohiowa  
NE, NE 68416

# Tribute Wall



“ 69 files added to the album Schropfer Flowers



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - August 16, 2019 at 01:34 PM

KT

“ Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Louis L. Schropfer



Kent & Rose Theobald - August 15, 2019 at 11:48 AM

DW

“ A friend with high regard for many years. My condolences to the outstanding Schropfer family. Dayle Williamson

Dayle Williamson - August 15, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Louis L. Schropfer.



August 15, 2019 at 07:10 AM

RA

“ Randy & JeNae Kort, Andi & Ally purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Louis L. Schropfer.



Randy & JeNae Kort, Andi & Ally - August 14, 2019 at 10:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louis L. Schropfer.



August 14, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louis L. Schropfer.



August 14, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Louis L. Schropfer.



August 14, 2019 at 06:55 PM

BS

“ Mary and Family,

*So sorry to hear of your father's passing. You will hold memories forever. Warm thoughts and prayers for your, dear friend.*

*Bonnie Smith*

Bonnie Smith - August 14, 2019 at 05:03 PM

JS

“ We were sorry to hear of Louis' passing. Please know we still remember the family fondly. We will pray for your peace during this time.  
John and Shirley Swails, Valley Springs, Ca.

John and Shirley Swails - August 14, 2019 at 02:13 PM

DS

“ Sorry to hear the loss of a great man, I will miss seeing him and catching up. Rest in love Lois 😊

Denise Schropfer - August 14, 2019 at 01:46 PM

SB

“ Sandy (Rippe) Bolejack lit a candle in memory of Louis L. Schropfer



Sandy (Rippe) Bolejack - August 14, 2019 at 06:50 AM

LL

“ LOVE RON, LOU ANN, SHELLY, COURTNEY & LAUREN purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Louis L. Schropfer.



LOVE RON, LOU ANN, SHELLY, COURTNEY & LAUREN - August 13, 2019 at 10:52 PM

JF

“ Mary, Kay and family,

*I was so saddened to hear of your dad's passing. Remember the good times and honor his legacy of raising such a wonderful and caring family. Sending you hugs to help you through this difficult time.*

*Jody Ford*



Jody Ford - August 13, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Louis L. Schropfer.*



August 13, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *He was such a good guy and will be missed by so many family and friends! Love and memories will help get you through this difficult time. - Galen and Sharon*



**Sharon Kuska** - August 13, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ *Clark Schulte lit a candle in memory of Louis L. Schropfer*



**Clark Schulte** - August 13, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *Audrey and family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.  
Lynnelle Trauger and family*

**Lynnelle Trauger** - August 13, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your father's passing. We know he lived a full, rewarding life surrounded by wonderful family. Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire Schropfer family.*

**Bonnie & Jack Sibert** - August 13, 2019 at 07:22 AM

LP

“ *LaDonna (Rippe) Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Louis L. Schropfer*



LaDonna (Rippe) Pendleton - August 12, 2019 at 09:34 PM

LS

“ *A very special person.*



Louis & Judy Schweer - August 12, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Louis L. Schropfer.*



August 12, 2019 at 05:59 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of Louis L. Schropfer*



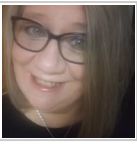
Brenda Motis - August 12, 2019 at 07:55 AM

DE

“ *Debjenkins@windstream.net lit a candle in memory of Louis L. Schropfer*



debjenkins@windstream.net - August 11, 2019 at 11:51 PM



“ *Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Louis L. Schropfer*



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**Janine Uldrich** - August 11, 2019 at 07:07 PM

BR

“ *Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Louis L. Schropfer*



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**Bonnie Rippe** - August 11, 2019 at 07:02 PM

CM

“ *Chuck A N.v D Diana McWain lit a candle in memory of Louis L. Schropfer*



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**Chuck a n.v d Diana McWain** - August 11, 2019 at 06:50 PM