



## Lucian C. Brunkow

June 25, 1952 - January 13, 2025

A Memorial Service for Lucian will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the Milligan Auditorium in Milligan, Nebraska with Pastor Jeff Scheich presiding.

A Book Signing will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with the family present from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home - Kotas Chapel in Milligan, Nebraska.

Burial of Ashes will be held following the Memorial Service at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Milligan, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date in Lucian's name.

Lucian Claremont Brunkow, born on June 25, 1952, in Lincoln, NE, to Claremont Emil Brunkow and Angeline Louise Koca, passed away peacefully on January 13, 2025, at The Grace Space in Lincoln, NE, at the age of 72. Lucian was the oldest of three children in the Brunkow family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claremont and Angeline. He is survived by his sister, Lucinda Brunkow of Lincoln, and his brother, Keith (Becky) Brunkow of Firth. His legacy lives on through his cherished nieces and nephews: Kyle (Verdean) Brunkow and their children Hayley, Hanna, Colton, Kallie, and

Hunter of Hickman; Hillary (Richard) Liddy and their children William and Abigail of Hickman; Evan (Julia) Brunkow and their children Michael and Oliver of Lincoln; Kendra (Sean) McDonald and their children Myles and Kaysen of Hickman; and Aunt Shirley Brunkow of Milligan, along with numerous cousins.

Lucian graduated from Milligan High School in 1970 and continued his education at Milford Tech, where he earned a degree in automechanics in 1972. Lucian's career journey was marked by an impressive range of skills and achievements. He began as an automechanic in Holdrege, NE, before working as a groundskeeper for Nebraska Game and Parks in Lincoln. Lucian later became an over-the-road truck driver for Trinity Industries, earning the distinguished accomplishment of driving 1 million miles accident-free. However, his most cherished role was as a farmer on the Brunkow family farm, which has been in the family for over 100 years. Lucian's dedication to preserving and nurturing the family's land was a point of great pride and a testament to his hard work and love for tradition.

Lucian's love for sports began in his youth, playing Little League baseball, making the All-Star team, and excelling as a catcher in fast-pitch softball. He later found joy in supporting his younger brother Keith's passion for racing, helping build a sportsman-class race car and dedicating countless hours in the pits during races. In later years, he proudly carried on the tradition by helping his nephew, Kyle, with his Crazy Cruizer race car.

Lucian had a straightforward and no-nonsense demeanor, but beneath that was a kind and gentle heart. Lucian's greatest joy was found in family. He treasured the time spent with his nieces, nephews, and their children, welcoming them to the family farm where he created lasting memories.

Lucian will be remembered for his hard working spirit, deep love for his family,

and the enduring legacy he leaves on the Brunkow family farm and in the hearts of those who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Bohemian National Cemetery

Milligan, NE 68406

# Previous Events

## Family Present for Book Signing

JAN **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel  
Main Street  
Milligan, NE 68406  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

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## Memorial Service

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JAN 24. 10:30 AM (CT)

Milligan Auditorium  
Main Street  
Milligan, NE 68406

# Tribute Wall



“ 13 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 24, 2025 at 01:12 PM

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“ Lucian was a good friend. In their younger years, Gary helped Lucian on his farm and helped in the pits for the Brunkow race team. Many late Saturday nights were spent discussing the race and my sons thoroughly enjoyed time in the pits and getting to sit in the Brunkow race care. More recently Lucian hauled iron for Lumir and the Filipi crew helped load. Lucian was a unique character and he'll be truly missed.

Judy Filipi - January 20, 2025 at 11:13 AM