



## Marvin A. Roper

March 20, 1939 - January 22, 2017

Marvin Allen Roper was born in his family home in rural Fairmont on March 20, 1939, to Curtis and Alta Roper. Marvin passed away in Mesa, Arizona on January 22, 2017 at the age of 77 years, 10 months, and 2 days. Marvin is survived by his brother Delvin, and preceded in death by his brother Duane (Buck). Marvin grew up in Fairmont and graduated from high school in 1956. While in high school he participated in football, basketball, and track. Marvin was honorably discharged from the US Army on a hardship in April of 1963, due to the passing of his father. In September of 1963 Marvin married the love of his life Delores Oliva and the couple had 2 children Tammy and Gary.

Marvin's passion was farming; it was what the Good Lord called him to do. He was still planning on farming this spring and had bought equipment to make sure he could still plant and harvest. He was a DeKalb dealer for over 40 years, served on the Fairmont School Board for 8 years, was a founding member of the Fairmont Lions Club, and a member of the Community Church of Fairmont for 68 years, where he sang in the choir. He also served on the Co-op Board for 2 terms, the Fillmore County Development Board and was honored by the Exeter Feeders and Breeders in 1997.

Marvin and Delores enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, California, Texas, Florida, Arizona, Iowa, and Alaska.

Marvin and Delores bought a home in Mesa, AZ in 1996 where they escaped the Nebraska winters. He always called Mesa "being in Paradise". Marvin and Delores developed many close friends from all over the Midwest and Canada. They spent time playing shuffleboard, golfing, playing cards, traveling around Phoenix, and especially trips to "Tortilla Flats". Marvin loved to eat, especially chicken, and ice cream, and of course, all foods go with the only beverage "coffee".

Presently the Roper family consists of Delores, daughter Tammy and husband Dick Kohler from Lincoln, son Gary and wife Cheryl from Fairmont, 6 grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren.

Marvin never knew a stranger, and all meals or a cup of coffee ended with a conversation with someone in the restaurant. It normally took 5-10 minutes before the gathering became "old friends".

Marvin always said, " You should live each day to its fullest"!

A funeral service for Marv was held on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fairmont Community Church with Pastor Brad Barrows and Rev. Del Roper officiating. Nancy Jo Galusha accompanied the Church Choir in the singing of "Fill My Cup, Lord" and "His Eye Is On The Sparrow."

Pallbearers included Marcus Roper, Rob Roper, Greg Oliva, Melvin Oliva, Luke Meyer, and Drew Terrel. Honorary pallbearers included Richard Janing, Jerry Galusha, Robert Galusha, Paul Bettger, Scott Oliva, Dennis Oliva, Mark Oliva, Howard Lefler, Gene Nichols and Ron Isley. Military Interment was held in the Fairmont Cemetery following the funeral with Military Rites performed by Fairmont American Legion Lt. Forbes Post 21. Farmer & Son Funeral Home of Geneva conducted the services. Online condolences may be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com). Memorials can be directed to the

Fairmont Community Church or the Fairmont Community Club.

# Tribute Wall

JO

“ With our sincere sympathy. Jerry and Peggy Otte

Jerry and Peggy Otte - February 02, 2017 at 11:57 AM

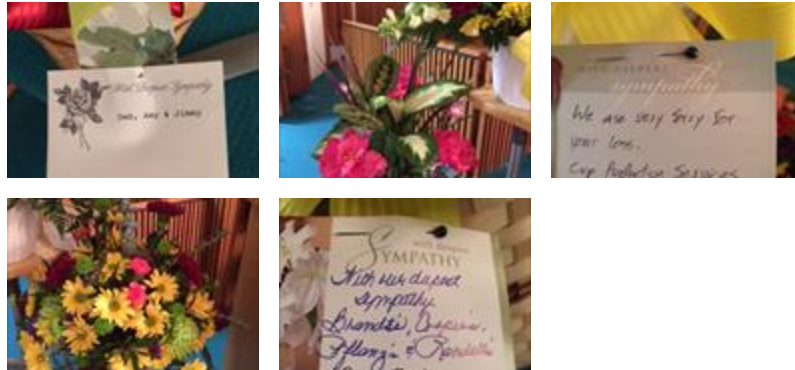
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“ Sorry for your loss. Marvin was a very nice man. Always said hi to me and we always had a nice chat. Was so glad to be he the flower girl in Dolores and his wedding. His smile and laugh will be missed. Cindy Smith Lander.

Cynthia Lander - February 01, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ 46 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 30, 2017 at 01:05 PM

TJ

“ I met Marvin through his daughter Tammy. We met first at Iron Works barbecue in Austin, Texas. I got to know him more when we went to Tammy's wedding in the summer of 2015. Marvin and I, along with our best girls, visited the John Wayne museum together. I was very fortunate to visit Marvin on his farm during that trip. He treated me like his own son. I thoroughly enjoyed that time spent with a great American. Marvin was a proud Nebraskan. he made this Texan feel welcome and part of the family. God makes great people like that. There are times along my path, that I have met people that stand out. Marvin was one of those individuals. I will not forget my trip to your farm, Marvin. You you were no doubt a treasure to your community, and your family. Men like you farmed this land, and made our country great. You were a man of true grit. I send my love to Dolores, Tammy, and Gary, and extended family. Holly and Terry Johnson.

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**Terry Johnson** - January 30, 2017 at 05:15 AM

GS

“ Aunt Delores, Tammy and Gary, words may not suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow that we feel for the passing of Uncle Marvin. Please accept our condolences.

*Gloria & Ken*

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**Gloria Swanson** - January 29, 2017 at 01:55 PM

MC

“ Aunt Delores, Tammy, and Gary, and extended family members, our thoughts and prayers go out to you for you loss of a wonderful Husband, Father, Uncle, and all around great man. He will be sorely missed. One of the happiest times was on the farm as a child, one winter Uncle Marvin put us into an old vehicle hood and tied it to the back of his truck and pulled us around the house and farm. I remember Marv and I were in charge of roasting a pig on the farm and it started to rain so we put tin roofing over it to keep it dry, but it kept the heat in so intensely that it totally burnt the pig to a charcoal, so we had to trim all the black off to save what was left. All our Love Marvin and Faith Cox

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**Marvin Cox** - January 27, 2017 at 08:37 PM

KB

“ Delores and family,  
You have my deepest sympathies at the loss of your beloved Marvin. It a difficult time. Keep all your precious memories close to your heart! He was a good man.  
Respectfully,  
Kathy Boyes

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**kathy boyes** - January 27, 2017 at 03:01 PM

RH

“ Delores & family, Mav will be missed by many of his (family) here in the Citrus Garden Mobile Home Park . You will be in our thoughts and prayers on Monday and all of your upcoming days. Sending hugs until we see you again. Your Iowa friends Ruth & Dennis Hemphill

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**Ruth Hemphill** - January 27, 2017 at 09:59 AM

DD

“ Denny and Yao-Hsin Dawes purchased the Health Nut Basket for the family of Marvin A. Roper.



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**Denny and Yao-Hsin Dawes** - January 26, 2017 at 09:28 PM

RG

“ Randy,Linda, Gene, Sandy, Madison, Brandon Grottke purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Marvin A. Roper.



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**Randy,Linda, Gene, Sandy, Madison, Brandon Grottke** -  
January 26, 2017 at 03:00 PM

GG

“ Marvin always had a smile and made everyone feel comfortable. He loved his family and farm. And I can not forget his commitment to the Cornhusker's (as you can see from his picture). We always heard about them Cornhusker's, especially since we were Longhorn fans.  
You will be missed by many.  
Blessing & Love, Gene, Sandy, Madison, and Brandon Grottke

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**Gene Grottke** - January 26, 2017 at 02:12 PM

LB

“ Such a warm and kind man! So sorry for your loss. The family is in our prayers. Lina and Brett Bostwick

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**Lina and Brett Bostwick** - January 25, 2017 at 08:06 PM

LB

“ I remember Marvin as such a kind man & I enjoyed visiting with him whenever we met. I remember talking to him the day of my father in laws auction and felt as if it was just a short time since we last saw each other. My prayers to you all.



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**linda bahe** - January 24, 2017 at 08:41 PM

MW

“ Marvin was a gentleman through and through and a good neighbor. I am so sorry to hear of his death and your sudden loss. I know Christ welcomed him home with open arms. May your memories sustain you at this time of loss. Margrett Wehland

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**Margrett Wehland** - January 24, 2017 at 03:24 PM

PM

“ Pat Mathiesen lit a candle in memory of Marvin A. Roper



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**Pat Mathiesen** - January 24, 2017 at 09:16 AM

PM

*Am so saddened by your loss!! Marv will b greatly missed!!*

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**Pat Mathiesen** - January 24, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ *Delores, Tammy, Gary, and the whole family - I, too, have a heart that is just hurting, but I know not as much as yours. May you all feel the comfort of God's almighty arms as they wrap you up in His love. May God grant you all peace and understanding along with the knowledge that Marvin is now with his family and friends who are all patiently waiting for the time when you can all be together again in God's kingdom!*

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**Teresa Johnson** - January 24, 2017 at 02:00 AM

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“ *Delores and family, You have mine and my families deepest sympathy. Keep the memories in your hearts and lives. Clarice Machal Titus*

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**Clarice Machal Titus** - January 23, 2017 at 08:02 PM

 Linda  
Lott  
Mitchell

“ *Tammy, Gary and Delores....my heart is literally broken for all of you. I've never known life w/o Marv in it! God knew he and Dad (Duane) couldn't live apart for very long. I'm glad they have each other again. Prayers to you all. See you soon! Love Jim, Linda and Judy*

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**Linda Lott Mitchell** - January 23, 2017 at 06:29 PM

TA

“ *Delores - We are saddened to hear about the passing of Marvin. Our prayers are with you during this time.*

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**Tannis Anderson** - January 23, 2017 at 05:32 PM