



## Merle D. Buzek

June 16, 1929 - August 14, 2024

A Funeral Service for Merle will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Milligan Auditorium in Milligan, Nebraska with Lay Pastor Michelle Lessard presiding.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 16, 2024 at Farmer & Son Funeral Home - Kotas Chapel in Milligan, Nebraska from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Graveside Services will be conducted following the funeral service at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Milligan, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the Milligan Auditorium, Milligan United Methodist Church or to the family to be designated at a later date in Merle's name.

Merle Dean Buzek was born on June 16, 1929, to Milo E. Buzek and Mildred H. (Hines) Buzek in Milligan, NE. He passed away on August 14, 2024, at the Fillmore County Hospital at the age of 95 years, 1 month and 29 days.

He attended rural school district southwest of Milligan and then attended Milligan High School, graduating in 1946. On April 19, 1949 he was united in marriage to Betty Jean (Kotas) and to them two children were born, Marlon

Ray and Deborah Jean.

Merle was proud of his Czech heritage and the town of Milligan. He spent 38 years as a custodian and bus driver at Milligan Public Schools, 15 years on the Milligan Auditorium Board, 21 years on the Bohemian National cemetery board and maintained the cemetery grounds at the Kasak cemetery for 16 years. He was also on the Milligan Fire Department, the Milligan village board and an EMT.

He was recently honored as a 75-year member of the Milligan United Methodist Church. He was the church's oldest member and the oldest male resident of Milligan.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, woodworking, cards, dominos and dancing. He loved to travel and enjoyed family vacations. His family was the most important thing in his life. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty of 65 years, his father Milo Buzek, mother Mildred (Hines), father-in-law and mother-in-law Henry P. & Mae F. Kotas, brother-in-law Henry Bigelow, sisters Roma Bigelow and Kathy Rischling and great nephew Dean Kassik.

He is survived by his brother-in laws Reenlee Kotas and Dick Rischling, his son Marlon (Judy) Buzek and daughter Deborah (Michael) Kassik. Grandchildren Heather (Eric) Lindsley, Chad (Stephanie) Buzek, Jaymie (Russ) Sebek, Jennifer (Greg) Rutherford, Julie (Scott) Koethe, Justina (Travis) Yound. Great-grandchildren Grant and Logan Lindsley, Tara and Tori Buzek, Makenna, Carter and Cole Sebek, Kennedy and Hudson Rutherford, Olive, Ruby and Oscar Koethe, Weston, Palmer and Griffin Yound. Step-great-grandchildren Erika (Keith Calhoun) Rutherford, Dolan (Lisa) Rutherford and

Cal Rutherford. Step great-great grandchildren Georgia Calhoun and Rhylan Rutherford as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## Bohemian National Cemetery

Milligan, NE 68406

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Family Present for Visitation

AUG **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home-Kotas Chapel  
Main Street  
Milligan, NE 68406  
(402) 759-3617  
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## Funeral Service

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AUG 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Milligan Auditorium  
Main Street  
Milligan, NE 68406

# Tribute Wall



“ 45 files added to the album *Flower Arrangements*



**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - August 17, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ TerryAnn Brandt lit a candle in memory of Merle Buzek



**TerryAnn Brandt** - August 17, 2024 at 08:59 AM



“ Pete Elaine Oldehoeft lit a candle in memory of Merle Buzek



**Pete Elaine Oldehoeft** - August 17, 2024 at 08:22 AM



“ *Fantastic memories of Merle and Betty. Rest in Peace*

David Janousek - August 16, 2024 at 07:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Merle D. Buzek.*



August 15, 2024 at 09:31 PM



“ *Joe zwickl purchased the A Full Life for the family of Merle D. Buzek.*



Joe zwickl - August 15, 2024 at 07:54 PM



“ *Joe zwickl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merle D. Buzek.*

Joe zwickl - August 15, 2024 at 07:54 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss prayers and hugs to your family*



George & Phyllis Schaefer - August 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM

JU

“ *Janine Uldrich lit a candle in memory of Merle Buzek*



Janine Uldrich - August 15, 2024 at 10:14 AM

RC

“ *Ryan, Jen, Elise, Carter, Ethan & Chunk purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Merle D. Buzek.*



Ryan, Jen, Elise, Carter, Ethan & Chunk - August 14, 2024 at 08:41 PM

RC

“ *Ryan, Jen, Elise, Carter, Ethan & Chunk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merle D. Buzek.*

Ryan, Jen, Elise, Carter, Ethan & Chunk - August 14, 2024 at 08:41 PM

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“ *Our sympathy to Merle's family. He was a great and kind Man. I have many fun memories of Merle at Milligan School, being a bus driver for the school and talking with him when we came home for events in Milligan. Merle was a classmate of my Dad -Arnold Nadherny. So now they can chat in heaven about the memories they did together.*

*Carol (Nadherny) & Eldon Ogorzolka / Lincoln, Nebr.*

Carol Ogorzolka - August 14, 2024 at 04:19 PM

JV

“ *Jim Votipka lit a candle in memory of Merle Buzek*



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**Jim Votipka** - August 14, 2024 at 02:21 PM