



## Merlin M. Volkmer

February 25, 1935 - March 27, 2024

Merlin Maurice Volkmer was born to Ernest & Emma (Reinsch) Volkmer on February 25, 1935 on the family farm northeast of Shickley, Nebraska. He passed away on March 27, 2024 in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 89 years, 1 month, and 2 days. Merlin was one of 8 children born in the family.

Merlin attended elementary school at Martland, Nebraska. He completed his education at Geneva High School in 1952.

Merlin met the love of his life on a blind date set up by Dick & Marian Theobald. They were married at St. Joseph Catholic Church in York, Nebraska on August 10, 1957. Four children were born to this union: Ronald, Patricia, Michael, and Susan.

Merlin took over the family farm in the early 1960's. He enjoyed some aspect of farming for the remainder of his life.

Both Merlin and Evelyn enjoyed travelling with friends. They also enjoyed touring with the "old car club."

Merlin remained living on the family farm until his recent illness in January of this year.

Merlin was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; his brothers, Ervin, Kenneth, John, Roger, and George; his sisters, Deloris and Eunice; and brother-in-law, Allen Toews.

He is survived by his children, Ronald Volkmer and wife Rona of Carleton, Nebraska, Pat Mau and husband, Paul of Geneva, Nebraska, Mike Volkmer and wife, Jolene of Plainfield, Illinois, and Susan Volkmer of Waterloo, Nebraska; grandchildren Ross Volkmer and wife, Janessa of Goodland, Kansas, Riley Volkmer and wife, Hannah of Kearney, Nebraska, Preston Mau of Geneva, Nebraska, Phylcia Mau of Manhattan, Kansas, Priscilla Mau of Omaha, Nebraska, Katrine Gallo and husband, Mike of Spearfish, South Dakota, Eric Volkmer of Springfield, Illinois, Matt Volkmer and wife, Emma of Springfield, Missouri, and Jared Volkmer of Plainfield, Illinois; and great grandchildren Nora, Banks & Bishop Volkmer of Goodland, Kansas; sister-in-law Marty Toews of Lincoln, Nebraska; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Merlin was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church in Shickley, Nebraska. A Rosary preceded the Mass at 10:00 a.m. Father Harlan Waskowiak presided over the services. Carol Grote accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Alleluia! Sing To Jesus," "Now Thank We All Our God," "Draw Nearer & Take The Body Of Thy Lord," "Song Of Farewell," and "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today."

Pallbearers for the service included Ross Volkmer, Riley Volkmer, Katrine Gallo, Eric Volkmer, Preston Mau, Matt Volkmer, Priscilla Mau, and Phylcia Mau. Honorary Pallbearer included Jared Volkmer.

It was Merlin's wish to be cremated and Committal Of Ashes will take place at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery at a later date.

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. Mary Catholic Cemetery or the Shickley Community Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Rural Shickley, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Rosary

APR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
703 Swartzendruber Dr  
Shickley, NE 68436

## Mass Of Christian Burial

APR 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

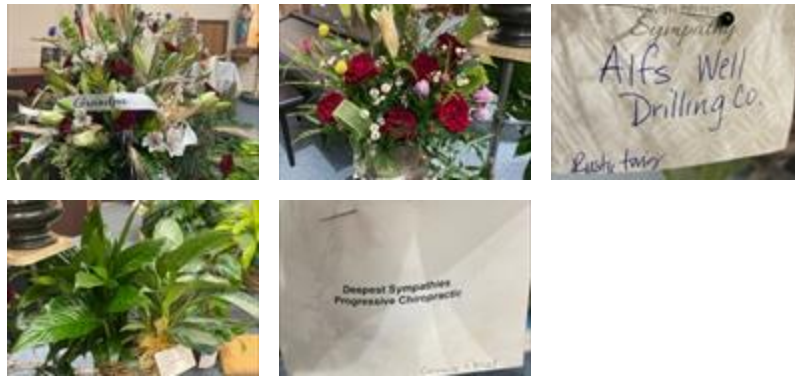
DR

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to you during this difficult time. Your parents were always a joy to talk to. Your dad will be missed. He always had something funny to say. Don and Shirley Rytych

Don Rytych - April 02, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - April 02, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merlin M. Volkmer.



April 01, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merlin M. Volkmer.*



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April 01, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. Your parents were both so very kind. Sending prayers for comfort and peace.* †❤️†

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**Cheryl Walsh** - April 01, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ *Pat Larson lit a candle in memory of Merlin Volkmer*



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**Pat Larson** - March 31, 2024 at 07:30 AM



“ *Caring Friends in Home Care purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Merlin M. Volkmer.*



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**Caring Friends in Home Care** - March 29, 2024 at 09:55 PM

VY

“ Verlene Lynn Yates lit a candle in memory of  
Merlin Volkmer



Verlene and Lynn Yates - March 29, 2024 at 10:23 AM

MJ

“ With sincere sympathy to each of you. Mort and I thoroughly  
enjoyed our interactions with your family. May he Rest In Peace

Mary Johnson - March 29, 2024 at 08:21 AM

DR

“ Doug & Holly Rippe lit a candle in memory of  
Merlin Volkmer



Doug Fischer & Holly Rippe - March 29, 2024 at 08:05 AM

LH

“ Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of  
Merlin Volkmer



Linda Heinisch - March 28, 2024 at 05:52 PM

MS

“ *Mary Stanislav lit a candle in memory of Merlin Volkmer*



**Mary Ough Stanislav** - March 28, 2024 at 05:44 PM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Merlin Volkmer*



**Virginia Johnson** - March 28, 2024 at 04:24 PM

KT

“ *Kent Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Merlin Volkmer*



**Kent & Rose Theobald** - March 28, 2024 at 01:38 PM

RS

“ *Randy Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Merlin Volkmer*



**Randy & Rhonda Schlick** - March 28, 2024 at 12:22 PM