



Neil E. Priefert

April 24, 1929 - January 27, 2019

Neil E. Priefert passed away at the Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska on January 27, 2019 at the age of 89 years, 9 months and 3 days. He was born on the South Place, west of Fairmont, Nebraska on April 24, 1929 to Elmer G. and Margaret E. (Boren) Priefert. He attended two different country schools near the farm and graduated from Fairmont High School in 1947. Neil met Jean Bernasek at “Ye Old Corral” roller skating rink in Geneva and they were married September 5, 1954 at Geneva’s United Brethern Church. Neil and Jean were married for 63 years. Four daughters; Mary, Carol, Linda and Susan, made this family complete.

Neil made his decision to farm and care for the land when his dad offered college funds or a tractor to Neil and his two sisters. His sisters went to college and Neil chose the tractor.

Neil served in the National Guard with his unit being called into active stateside duty in 1955 at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was then stationed at Ft. Riley in Junction City, Kansas. In the 1960’s it was guard buddies and their families that would come spend the weekend at the farm for ‘personal guided pheasant hunts’.

The registered Polled Hereford herd began with animals purchased on a farm sale. At the time, the number of cows were dependent upon what would fit on

the 40 acres of pasture on the home place. Of course, the pasture first had to provide for the 4 milk cows that were standard farm features in the 50's.

As with many young farm families, gifts are farm oriented. The young couple received a monetary gift from her parents for a clothes washer. Instead of a washer, this couple bought a cow. The year was 1957.

Social activities in West Blue Township in those days consisted of neighborhood card parties with plenty of snacks, conversation and laughter. The girls learned to dance on Neil's shoes at the Milligan Auditorium to the tunes played by Leonard Becwar's band.

Sunday dinner guests weren't relatives, they were the field men for the Polled Hereford World. Family vacation destinations were not theme parks or the beach, it was wherever the tour was that year in Nebraska or Kansas. Women and kids in one vehicle, dads in another. (Looking back upon that arrangement, it was only Neil that got a vacation.) When the fences needed painting and the yard needed to be spruced up, there would be no vacation, it was time to host a tour stop. Neil and his family made many enduring friendships through these networks, with the family circle extending to include the Kansas cousins.

Neil served as an assistant 4-H leader when the girls were active in "Keep 'Em Growing" 4-H club, and he actively supported his daughters as they traveled with the judging teams, showing 4-H calves at area events and Junior Nationals around the country. He served on the Fairmont Co-op Board, Fillmore County Noxious Weed Board for 30 years, and the Nebraska Polled Hereford Association, serving as a Director and Vice-President on the board for many years. He was a member of the Nebraska Hereford Association and Exeter Feeders and Breeders Association, serving on its board as well. He was a member of the Fairmont Community Church, making certain the girls

got to Sunday School and sang in Nancy Jo's children's choir when it was known as Grace Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Fairmont American Legion.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents; sister Vivienne Loge; and brother-in-law Robert D. Baker.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of Fairmont, daughters Mary (Dana) Scott of York, Carol (David) Priefert Wentworth of Chicago, Illinois, Linda (Kirby) Zuerlein of Fairmont, Susan (Brandon) Priefert Voss of Sisters, Oregon; grandchildren Zac (Amanda) Scott of York, Nick (Kelsey) Scott of Norfolk, Ryan (Sarah Stearns) Scott of York, Adam (Anna) Scott of Lincoln, Curt (Sydney) Scott of Gretna, Lindsay Carroll of Lincoln, Danielle (Dakota) Cooper of York, and Leslie Carroll of Fairmont; great-grandchildren, Hudson and Wyatt Scott, Dominic, Derrick & Dusty Cooper, Ethan Dodson, and Jane Scott; sister Wilma Baker of Norfolk; and nieces, nephew and friends.

A Funeral Service for Neil was held on Friday, February 1, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Community Church in Fairmont, Nebraska. Pastor Pat Norris officiated the service. Gwenda Mau accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "It is Well With My Soul." The recorded selection "Can I Have This Dance" was played as the recessional.

Pallbearers for the service included Zach Scott, Nick Scott, Ryan Scott, Adam Scott, Curtis Scott, and Rich Baker. Interment was held in the Fairmont Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service and the Fairmont American Legion Post 21 provided Military Honors.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the Fairmont Community Church or the Nebraska Junior Hereford Association.

Tribute Wall

RY

“ One of the best men I've ever had the pleasure of knowing

Rob Yilk - April 22, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ 56 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - February 02, 2019 at 08:18 AM

SG

“ *Jean and Family,
Celia and i send our prayers to you to hopefully comfort you in Neil's
passing!!*

*I want to share a short story that a good friend told me about Neil
and a certain cow in the barn!*

*Good Ol' doc Wimpy (great Vet and friend in York) - who in sure is
with Neil in heaven- told me about the time he was out to iA that
cow in the barn- and as soon as he got his glove on up to his elbow
and talked sweet nothings to that cow he worked his way up and
was just about to release the seman- but the cow tensed up and
froze- Doc looked up and a big skunk walked in and walked down
the feeder towards both the cow and Doc!! The cow froze and Doc
froze and the skunk walked right by them and out the other side of
the barn!! As soon as the skunk left they both sighed and Doc felt
the cow relax and he released the vile and backed his way out!!*

*Just as soon as he completed the IA in walked Neil- Doc told me he
want quite sure that Neil has something to do with that stripped kitty
coming through the barn!! But Neil laughed a lot about it!*

*I truly enjoyed the years I had working with this great man at YDC!! I
know he's looking down and will be watching everything from the
arms of our Lord!!*

Steve Gansen - February 01, 2019 at 05:47 PM

SD

“ *Sue & Craig Dallegge lit a candle in memory
of Neil E. Priefert*



Sue & Craig Dallegge - January 31, 2019 at 09:47 AM

DO

“ Jean, Lloyd enjoyed so much visiting with Neil when we attended your WIFE get to gethers. Now they can visit in heaven. Love you
Doris Ourecky

Doris Ourecky - January 30, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Neil E. Priefert.



January 30, 2019 at 02:22 PM

DS

“ Mary, Linda, Carol & Susan out prays and thought go out to you. I will keep you and your families in my prayer.
Donna Snodgrass

Donna Snodgrass - January 30, 2019 at 10:44 AM

 Lisa
Stripe

“ It was always a blessing to see Neil when we owned Stripe Livestock in Sutton. He was the kindest man. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers to his family.
Lonnie Lisa Alyssa Alexa Stripe

Lisa Stripe - January 30, 2019 at 03:46 AM

MH

“ Carol and family, I am so very sorry in the loss of your father. May your many wonderful memories bring you comfort in the days ahead.” ~ Marggy Hanington

Marggy Hanington - January 29, 2019 at 10:53 PM

SR

“ *Another Hereford breeder in heaven. Thinking of you. Sue Rowland*

Sue Rowland - January 29, 2019 at 08:16 PM

NS

“ *We lost another great friend and Polled Hereford Breeder. Our families go back a long way in the cattle business and it has been a great life. Our Prayers are with you.*

Ron & Nancy Schutte

Nancy Schutte - January 29, 2019 at 07:20 PM

BM

“ *Sending prayers and hugs to all of you. Our sincere sympathy. Bob and Bev*



beverly mohlman - January 29, 2019 at 06:52 PM

TR

“ *Tom & Pat Robson lit a candle in memory of Neil E. Priefert*



Tom & Pat Robson - January 29, 2019 at 06:05 PM

LN

“ *Laura Ninegar lit a candle in memory of Neil E. Priefert*



Laura Ninegar - January 29, 2019 at 05:21 PM

RD

“ *Thoughts and prayers to family. Richard and Eileen Doetker*

Richard Doetker - January 29, 2019 at 11:08 AM

GL

“ *George & Michelle Lessard lit a candle in memory of Neil E. Priefert*



George & Michelle Lessard - January 29, 2019 at 10:00 AM

BM

“ *Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of Neil E. Priefert*



Brenda Motis - January 29, 2019 at 09:57 AM

CP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Carol Priefert - January 29, 2019 at 08:15 AM

LL

“ Linda Lott Mitchell & Jim Lott lit a candle in memory of Neil E. Priefert



Linda Lott Mitchell & Jim Lott - January 28, 2019 at 08:07 PM

WC

“ Prayers for the family and condolences

William J Claybaugh - January 28, 2019 at 06:22 PM

KT

“ Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Neil E. Priefert



Kent & Rose Theobald - January 28, 2019 at 06:05 PM

JW

“ Prayers to all.



Jeff and Barb Whitley - January 28, 2019 at 05:53 PM

Virginia Johnson

“ Thoughts and Prayers! Hugs, Mike and Virginia Johnson



Virginia Johnson - January 28, 2019 at 05:26 PM

CS

“ Chuck And Diane Swerczek lit a candle in memory of Neil E. Priefert



Chuck and Diane Swerczek - January 28, 2019 at 04:50 PM

VA

“ Vicki Allgood lit a candle in memory of Neil E. Priefert



Vicki Allgood - January 28, 2019 at 04:37 PM

JB

“ *John & Sherrie Bartell lit a candle in memory of Neil E. Priefert*



John & Sherrie Bartell - January 28, 2019 at 03:56 PM

TG

“ *Tricia Galusha-Chapman lit a candle in memory of Neil E. Priefert*



Tricia Galusha-Chapman - January 28, 2019 at 10:26 AM