



## Ralph E. Broman

May 21, 1928 - December 13, 2020

Ralph Eugene Broman, age 92, passed away Sunday, December 13, 2020 at Heritage Crossing in Geneva, Nebraska. He was born on a farm East of Fairmont, Nebraska to Lloyd and Gladys (Jacobsen) Broman on May 21, 1928.

Ralph was the youngest of four children having two sisters, and a brother who died as an infant. He always said they had a good home, but he did have to help out on the farm a lot of the time. There were chores to do, including feeding cobs to the hogs, cleaning out the pens, and milking the cows twice a day.

After he got the cows milked, Ralph went to Country School, walking a mile and a quarter each morning. He really did not like school and says that “studying was out of the question!” After graduating from Fairmont High School in 1945, he held several jobs, including continuing to help his dad on the farm. He went to York where he worked in a tire shop part time and worked with construction when they resurfaced Highway #81. He was also the town cop in Fairmont for a time. His favorite employment was with Green Country where he served over 35 years of hard work and a loving passion for John Deere.

Ralph was married for a short time to Joan Valentine and to that marriage one son and two daughters were born: Marilyn, Ken, and Jeanette. The family was separated for quite a few years, and Ralph and Lora were very happy when they were able to meet and develop a very close relationship with them again.

Ralph met Lora (Behmerwohld) when she was working in the nursing home in Fairmont, Nebraska. They were married on July 27, 1963, and he adopted Roxie in 1964. After that, two sons were born to them: Wayne and Keith. The family moved to Geneva to a house that Ralph moved in and remodeled for his family. Ralph and Lora both shared a love for horses, trail-rides, camping, bus tours, and taking their grandchildren camping and fishing at near-by rivers and lakes.

Many of the memories of him show how big hearted he was and his enjoyment in

harassing and pranking others. For instance, he loved to hide his dentures from the nurses at the nursing home and family to always find them in his mouth with a big grin on his face to accompany it.

He was a man of character, principals, humility, and love, never jeopardizing his morality or integrity. The proof that continues in his children, family members, loved ones, and those he influenced. He taught everyone he touched how to be proud of what was accomplished for the day, how to be true, and how to respect others who respect you. During these times of grieving it is comforting to know that he is once again with his wife in heaven, where the door is never locked and always open just like the way he lived his life.

Those who remain to cherish his memory are six children: Marilyn McRee, Ken Broman (Gayle), Jeanette Lutton, Roxie Broman, Wayne Broman (Linda) and Keith Broman (Cheryl); Fourteen grandchildren: Gregory, Christine, Jessica, Sarah, Kevin, Matthew (Nicole), Shana (Matt), Alexandra, Kyla, Kristin (Matt), Heather (Tyce), Jamey, Kyle, and Jordan; Fifteen great grandchildren: Hailee, Alyssa, Conner, Emma, Hadley, Avalyn, Macie, Coen, Sara, Kate, Tyler, Justin, Chelsea, Daishaun, Isabella, and Noah; Four step great grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Grayce, Mackenson, and Kenny.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lloyd and Alberta "Gladys" Broman, wife Lora Broman, sisters Helen (Glen) VanAndel and Virginia (Lambert) Hopken, brother who passed as an infant, brother and sister-in-law's Gary Behmerwohld and William and Dora Caudy, great grandson Jared, and son-in-law Bill McRee.

A Funeral Service for Ralph was held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the 1st Congregational United Church Of Christ in Geneva. Pastors Stuart Davis and Jeff Jensen officiated the service. The recorded selections "Even Though I'm Leaving," "He Walked On Water," "The Ride," and "The Dance" were played during the service.

Pallbearers for the Funeral Service included Jason Tatro, Jeff Whitley, John Westfall, Jack Yoder, Brian Krenke, and Ralph Graham. Interment was held in the McCool Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

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 Geneva Fire Department and Geneva Rescue Squad.

# Cemetery Details

## McCool Junction Cemetery

McCool Junction , NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 16. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Family Present for Visitation

DEC 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
906 H Street  
Geneva, NE 68361

# Tribute Wall



“ 24 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 17, 2020 at 03:17 PM

NL

“ Dear Broman Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Ralph was a good friend and neighbor to us when we lived in Geneva. He had a very kind heart. My sympathy to you all.

Nancy(Opfer)Lahners

Nancy Lahners - December 17, 2020 at 09:29 AM



Thank you Nancy

Keith Broman - December 18, 2020 at 11:03 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Broman.



December 16, 2020 at 02:09 PM

MV

“ So sad to hear of the passing of Rex's Uncle Ralph. I remember when I first met Ralph when Rex and I were dating. Rex cautioned me saying, "You have to watch him" and I didn't know what he meant, and he said "you'll see". Well I soon learned! In fact, he used to get that ornery gleam in his eyes and you just knew a joke or a zinger was coming! He told wonderful stories, had us hanging on every word, until he stuck in a wild punch line, then would have us laughing until we hurt! He was always smiling and grinning in that way of his, and he never made a joke of someone at their expense, he always laughed with you. He loved telling Helen, Rex's mom, he was her "younger, good -looking brother". To the family-- we wish the Covid thing was gone, but since it is not, we have to continue taking precautions and cannot make it to the service. Our hearts are with you at this time and we know that Ralph has left a definite legacy for you. He had a big heart and would help out wherever he was needed, and he truly enjoyed life to the fullest. Look out angels in heaven--Ralph has a whole new audience to prank!!

*God be with you---Rex and Marcia VanAndel*

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**Marcia VanAndel** - December 15, 2020 at 08:03 PM

RB

*Thank you.*

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**Roxie Broman** - December 16, 2020 at 06:39 PM

KB

*Thanks for the great memories!*

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**Keith Broman** - December 17, 2020 at 09:07 AM

BR

“ Wayne and family,  
May God be with you in this time. What a legacy your Dad leaves behind. You knew he liked you when he would have that grin on his face when he saw you. He was ALWAYS in a good mood to his friends, and he would have something funny to share with you, and always (or so it seemed) at your expense.. Ralph chose to have good days, was a hard-working man who never complained, and bled John Deere green. It was an honor to be his friend, he will be missed, until I see him in heaven, and I am sure he will have some wisecrack waiting for me . God bless you Ralph Broman and the family you leave behind.  
in Him,  
Bill Richards

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**bill Richards** - December 15, 2020 at 03:30 PM

RB

*Thank you.*

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**Roxie Broman** - December 16, 2020 at 06:40 PM

KB

*Thanks Bill*

**Keith Broman** - December 17, 2020 at 09:07 AM

 Scott Whitley

“ Wayne, I'm sorry to hear about your dad. I hadn't seen him in years, but never will forget what kind of man he was. Thinking of you and your family.

*Scott Whitley*

**Scott Whitley** - December 15, 2020 at 08:37 AM

HF

“ Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Broman



**Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer** - December 15, 2020 at 08:24 AM



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December 15, 2020 at 01:00 AM

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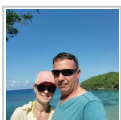
“ I will always remember my Uncle Ralph.. my Mother's brother.. memories of holiday dinners at their house..and many holiday dinners at Aunt Helens house in Pleasant Dale..I'm happy to be a part of the Broman legacy..🙏

**Linda Stauffer** - December 14, 2020 at 11:30 PM

RB

*Thank you Linda.*

**Roxie Broman** - December 16, 2020 at 06:41 PM



*Thank you Linda*

**Keith Broman** - December 18, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ *Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Broman*



**Rhonda Schlick** - December 14, 2020 at 10:26 PM

JW

“ *Always in our hearts!!  
Jeff and Barb Whitley*



**Jeff and Barb Whitley** - December 14, 2020 at 09:19 PM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Broman*



**Kent & Rose Theobald** - December 14, 2020 at 08:13 PM

BW

“ *We were neighbors to the Broman family when I was growing up, spent many days playing at the Broman house, will never forget Ralph coming home for lunch and how excited Wayne would get to see him and he always wore his overalls! Most fond memory for me I loved their horses and Ralph and Lora were so nice and taught me how to ride! My sympathies for his family! RIP neighbor!*

**brenda walker** - December 14, 2020 at 06:53 PM

CB

*Ralph and all the Broman family were special. Ralph's mother Gladys was a first cousin to my Dad, Charlie Fougeron. Sending my sympathy, Charline Fougeron Brown from Harrisburg NE.*

**Charline Fougeron Brown** - December 15, 2020 at 01:16 PM