



Raymond R. Lentfer

August 16, 1930 - March 2, 2024

A Funeral Service for Raymond will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska with Kim Dunker presiding.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Military Graveside Services will be held following the Funeral Service at the Harmony Cemetery in rural Strang, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the Harmony Cemetery.

A Livestream of Raymond's Funeral Service will start at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 and will be on Farmer & Son Funeral Home's Facebook Page. You do not have to have Facebook to view the Livestream as it is a publicly shared Facebook page.

Click this link to be directed to Farmer & Son Funeral Home's Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/friendlyfuneraldirectors/>

Raymond Ralph Lentfer, 93 years, 6 months and 17 days was born on August 16, 1930 to Julius J. and Sophia (Steenbock) Lentfer on a farm 4-miles

southwest of Strang, Nebraska. He was number 10 out of 12 children born to Julius and Sophia. Raymond attended District 56, Bluffs School through 8th grade and Strang High School for 2 years. He later earned his honorary high school diploma from Geneva High School.

Raymond helped his father farm and helped neighboring farmers with thrashing and other odd jobs. For a time, he also worked drilling wells for water.

He was drafted into the United States Marine Corps, in 1952, training at Camp Lejeune and Fort Bennington before arriving in San Diego. He then set sail to Japan where he was stationed near Mt. Fuji. During this time, he was awarded several service medals along with a sharpshooter's medal.

Upon his discharge in 1954, Raymond returned home to the family farm. He took great pride in farming, beginning his farming career farming dryland, then progressing to pipeline irrigation then to pivot irrigation.

On November 23, 1957, he was married to Janet Kay Hinrichs and to this union two daughters were born, Joy and Gay. He was also a father and grandfather figure to many friends, relatives and their children.

He was a member of the Geneva VFW, including the military honors firing squad and a 70 continuous year member with the Bruning American Legion.

In 2004, he retired from farming at the age of 73 and moved to Geneva. He enjoyed polka music, eating Valentino's pizza, traveling to Australia, New Zealand and the southern/southwestern part of the United States. He began having health issues in 2021 which led to him residing at Fairview Manor in Fairmont where he passed away on March 2, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Julius and Sophia Lentfer; father and mother-in-law, Fred and Mary Hinrichs; brothers, George, Henry, Ervin, twin brother Ernest, Edwin and Julius Jr.; sisters, Wilma Getz, Alberta Hulse, Alice Mendoza and many nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; daughters, Joy Lentfer and Gay Lentfer; brother, Lawrence (Nancy) Lentfer; sister, LuEtta Strothkamp; sister-in-law, Lillian Lentfer, brother-in-law, Larry (Sue) Hinrichs and numerous nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Farmer & Son Funeral Home Facebook Livestream

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Funeral Service

MAR 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DO

“ Janet, Joy & Gay,
So sorry to hear about Raymond's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him at the annual picnics in Harmon Park. I remember one year I brought my yellow lab puppy to the picnic and was showing off all of her tricks. Raymond looked over at my dad and said, "That's the smartest blond I've ever seen". Still make me laugh when I think about it. My thoughts and prayers are will all of you.

Donna Ough-Murray - March 06, 2024 at 12:54 PM

SF

“ To Janet and family
Our thoughts and prayers will be with all of you today
Your family has always been such a

wonderful support for me ;and I wish I could be there today to support all of you today in your sadness of the passing away of Raymond
He always remembered who I was and greeted me with a smile on his face
Bob and Sharolyn (Hopken) Frey

Shar Frey - March 06, 2024 at 11:46 AM

SF

“ Shar Frey lit a candle in memory of Raymond Lentfer



Shar Frey - March 06, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ 24 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - March 06, 2024 at 10:24 AM



“ Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Raymond Lentfer



Bonnie Rippe - March 05, 2024 at 05:39 PM



“ Karen Read lit a candle in memory of Raymond Lentfer



Karen Read - March 05, 2024 at 02:16 PM

Jl

“ Jim and Paul Lentfer Waterloo Iowa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond R. Lentfer.

Jim and Paul Lentfer Waterloo Iowa - March 04, 2024 at 09:24 PM

Jl

“ Jim and Paul Lentfer Waterloo Iowa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond R. Lentfer.



Jim and Paul Lentfer Waterloo Iowa - March 04, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond R. Lentfer.



March 04, 2024 at 07:04 PM

SB

“ Remembering my days at Strang and the times with your family whether at a school activity or a public gathering, makes me thankful I was able to be a small part of your family. My thoughts are with you. Cherish your memories.

Shirley Brunkow - March 04, 2024 at 03:00 PM

JL

“ Jake, Chelsea, Easton, and Eli Lentfer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond R. Lentfer.

Jake, Chelsea, Easton, and Eli Lentfer - March 04, 2024 at 02:29 PM

“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond R. Lentfer.



March 04, 2024 at 02:29 PM

“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Raymond R. Lentfer.



March 04, 2024 at 01:34 PM

JF

“ Ray always had a sparkle in his eye and a smile on his face; this photo was taken at my mom's 90th birthday open house. He will be greatly missed!

Gene and Julianne Foreman



Julianne Brauning Foreman - March 03, 2024 at 05:52 PM

GF

“ We met Raymond at the Fairmont nursing home on Dec 24 2023 while celebrating mother in law birthday. He came into the dining room with a big smile on his face wearing a Marine Corps hat. As a Marine myself I invited him to join us. I truly believe he enjoyed that.

Gene Foreman - March 03, 2024 at 03:18 PM