



Richard H. Kleinschmidt

January 4, 1935 - September 27, 2021

Richard Kleinschmidt was born to Harold and Agnes (Kamler) Kleinschmidt on January 4th, 1935 at Sutton, Nebraska and lived a hardworking and beautiful life. He passed away September 27th, 2021 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 86 years, 9 months, and 22 days.

Richard attended Shickley Public School graduating with the class of 1952. He had offers to play sports in college, but the lure of the family farm brought him back home.

The start of his family began with letters during his time in the Army at Fort Bliss as he called it (Fort Blister) serving his country from 1957-1959. Those letters led to a beautiful Godly marriage to Rosalie Novak beginning on September 20th, 1960. Their marriage brought their two sons Russ and Rick into the picture through adoption and they both chose incredible wives, Jodi and Bridget. Richard also had 7 grandchildren who gave him so much pride and joy through their academic, musical, and sporting accomplishments.

Richard led a purpose driven life and inspired everyone who crossed his path. He was a man of selfless character and always strove to put his family and neighbors first. Richard built a lasting legacy with his farm, but through the cultivation of his life's work, he built more than a farm, he built a family. Any new equipment he acquired never looked the same for long as Rich always

found improvements to make. There was no such thing as 'it can't be fixed' in his vocabulary and he spent countless hours welding and every job had its own tractor. God and farming made up Richard's moral code as God provided the soil and it was Rich's job to care for it. His valued possession was the 'To Do' list that Rosie soon learned should never go through the washing machine. The 'To Do' list was important, but it never outweighed the importance of praising God in the pew on Sunday morning.

Richard had also an incredible baseball career which started back in 1948 and his passion for the sport shone brightly through many years of playing and coaching in his community. Many kids in Filmore county had the privilege of learning about baseball from Richard, but they were really learning more about life.

Richard was preceded in death by his father Harold Kleinschmidt and his mother Agnes Kleinschmidt; Brother Ronald Kleinschmidt; granddaughter Kamryn Kleinschmidt (infant); Brother-in-law Kenneth Kness; Sister-in-law Sue Kleinschmidt; and nephews Tim Kleinschmidt and Gary Kness.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years Rosalie Kleinschmidt of Shickley, Nebraska; sons Russell (Jodi) Kleinschmidt of Shickley, Nebraska and Rick (Bridget) Kleinschmidt of Clermont, Florida; grandchildren Matyson, Kale, Jady, and Dalton Kleinschmidt of Shickley, Nebraska, and Jordan Kleinschmidt and fiance Josh Dilena and Jackson Kleinschmidt of Clermont, Florida; sisters Dorothy (Harold) Moravec of Geneva, Nebraska and Deb (Gary) Tettenborn of Omaha, Nebraska; brother Bill Kleinschmidt (special friend Jo Jones) of Geneva, Nebraska; sisters-in-law Carol (Bart) Rath of Papillion, Nebraska and Bonnie Kness of Fairmont, Nebraska; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A Funeral Mass for Rich was held on Friday, October 1, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva, Nebraska. A Rosary was prayed the evening before at 7:00 p.m. at the Church. Father Harlan Waskowiak presided over the Services.

Carol Grote accompanied the congregation in the singing of "Amazing Grace," "I Am The Bread Of Life," "Song Of Farewell," and "Let There Be Peace On Earth." Jordan Kleinschmidt was accompanied by Josh Dilena and sang "On Eagles' Wings."

Pallbearers included Randy Kleinschmidt, Scott Kleinschmidt, Steve Kleinschmidt, Chad Tettenborn, Travis Tettenborn, and Tom Novak. It was Rich's wish to be cremated following the Funeral Mass and his Ashes will be placed in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at a later date.

Military Honors were held outside the St. Joseph Catholic Church following the Funeral Mass. Honors were provided by the Shickley American Legion Post 164 and the Nebraska Military Honor Guard.

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 BDS Legion Baseball Program or the St. Joseph/St. Mary Catholic Churches.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

SEP 30. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
831 E Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Funeral Mass

OCT 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
831 E Street
Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall

GR

“ Our condolences to you and your family, Rosie. We know you had a wonderful life together. All those memories are so precious!
With our sincere sympathy-Ruth and Gene Rauscher

Gene and Ruth Rauscher - October 03, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ 84 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 01, 2021 at 03:54 PM

WC

“ I could write a book on what Richard taught and what he did for me growing up and working for him. I remember watching him, Bill and Ron play baseball and being a bat boy for the team. He taught me a lot working for him, some were hard lessons but he had a way of making sink in without hard feelings. Due to health issues I had to leave the farm but he was never far away with his offers of help. Prayers for him and Rosie as I know she will carry on just fine.

Bill and Cindy Carter

William F Carter - October 01, 2021 at 09:48 AM

RF

“ Thinking about you and your family and are so sorry for your loss. Rich was a special person, we always enjoyed visiting with him. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Rod and Rose Felix

Rod and Rose Felix - October 01, 2021 at 09:31 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.



September 30, 2021 at 11:48 AM

KB

“ I will always remember the twinkle in Rich's eyes and the smile he always had. He had such delightful humor. I first got to know Rich as his boys' first grade teacher and always looked forward to visiting with him down through the years. He will be missed. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family.

Karen Bedlan - September 30, 2021 at 11:08 AM

EB

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rosalie and the family. Rich as also involved with education and was an excellent Shickley School Board member. He will b a big loss to the entire Fillmore County area. God Bless!!

Edward & Darlene Briscoe - September 30, 2021 at 05:34 PM

KB

“ Karen Bedlan lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Kleinschmidt



Karen Bedlan - September 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.



September 29, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.



September 29, 2021 at 08:19 PM

BA

“ Betty Ackland lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Kleinschmidt



Betty Ackland - September 29, 2021 at 08:10 PM

YT

“ *Your Envera Growth Team purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.*



Your Envera Growth Team - September 29, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.*



September 29, 2021 at 04:32 PM

VY

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Rosie and family....always enjoyed visiting with him as he was a special neighbor....enjoyed discussing the cat population at Rosie's and our place as I shared kittens with them....what a special man, cherish the wonderful memories...
Verlene and Lynn Yates*

Verlene Yates - September 29, 2021 at 12:49 PM

BA

“ *Dear Rosie and all your family. You have our deepest sympathy! We remember all the wonderful and fun times we had. Enjoyed so much when y'all came out or we got together when we were in Nebraska. One thing we really enjoyed and still remember was when y'all took us to see all the windmills.
Wish we could be there with you at this sad time.
Love and hugs, Betty Lou and Larry*

Betty Lou Ackland - September 29, 2021 at 12:48 PM

JN

“ John and Lynda Norton purchased the *Pretty Ple* ase for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.



John and Lynda Norton - September 29, 2021 at 12:03 PM

TV

“ The Taylor's Tim, Arlene, Tony & Vince purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.



The Taylor's Tim, Arlene, Tony & Vince - September 29, 2021 at 11:56 AM

MV

“ Our deepest sympathy. May the special memories you have bring you comfort in the days ahead.

Tom and Mary Lou Vossler

Mary Lou Vossler - September 29, 2021 at 10:08 AM

SA

“ Sheri Kamler Chad Lorrie Ashley Anderson purchased the *Rainbow Reflections Basket* for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.



Sheri Kamler Chad Lorrie Ashley Anderson - September 29, 2021 at 09:47 AM

LE

“ Rosie, Russ, Rick and Families,

*We were saddened to hear of Rich's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. May the many good memories you have remain constant in your hearts.
God Bless.*

Larry and Barbara Eichelberger

Larry Eichelberger - September 29, 2021 at 08:51 AM

HF

“ Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Kleinschmidt



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - September 29, 2021 at 08:16 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.



September 28, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.*



September 28, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ *Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Kleinschmidt*



steve & barb sadd - September 28, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.*



September 28, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Richard H. Kleinschmidt.*



September 28, 2021 at 05:58 PM

MO

“ *Marla Ourada lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Kleinschmidt*



Marla Ourada - September 28, 2021 at 05:16 PM

JV

“ *Jim Votipka lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Kleinschmidt*



Jim Votipka - September 28, 2021 at 04:24 PM

DJ

“ *Doug & Patty Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Kleinschmidt*



Doug & Patty Johnson - September 28, 2021 at 03:09 PM

DR

“ *Don & Carvel Reinsch lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Kleinschmidt*



Don & Carvel Reinsch - September 28, 2021 at 02:31 PM

KH

“ I'll always cherish the time he took me the on the combine and showed me how it all was run, he was so proud. He also shared with me how proud he was of his kids and grand kids. Fly high with the angels Richie. †
Sending our love and prayers to the family..❤️👉💔
Kathy & Hernan

Kathy Huidobro - September 28, 2021 at 02:16 PM

HF

“ Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Kleinschmidt



Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer - September 28, 2021 at 02:15 PM

TT

“ Rosie---
Thinking of your and your family during this difficult time, Also remembering many good times spent together.

Tim Taylor - September 28, 2021 at 12:55 PM

KT

“ Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Richard H. Kleinschmidt



Kent & Rose Theobald - September 27, 2021 at 08:59 PM



I am thinking of the family.

Scott Whitley - September 28, 2021 at 10:04 AM



Rosie, I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs to an old friend from days long past.

Donna Dobey - September 28, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers!*



virginia johnson - September 27, 2021 at 04:55 PM