



Robert Leroy Bender

April 16, 1930 - June 23, 2021

A Memorial Service for Robert will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Kim Dunker presiding.

No visitation - cremation.

Military Graveside Services will be conducted following the memorial service at the Geneva Public Cemetery in Geneva, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Robert Leroy Bender was born April 16, 1930 to Joseph and Mildred in Geneva, Nebraska. Bob resided in Nebraska for the entirety of his life. Growing up Bob spent summers working as a lifeguard at the Geneva pool and played sports with his younger brothers George and Rod, throughout his high school years and into his 20's. He was drafted into the U.S Army as a Forward Observer for a Heavy Mortar Company in the Korean War. After returning from war, he entered into the Reserves as a Military Police.

Bob was a carpenter, mechanic, and handyman by trade. He loved hunting, fishing, baking, and watching football, "no round ball", as he would say, unless it was the only sport on T.V. Snickers, popcorn, and ice cream is what would be for breakfast and snack if he had any say in the matter. You'd always find Bob with his pipe and Captain Black along with his dogs or trying his luck at the horse races.

Bob led a long life into his 90's and was fortunate enough to live on his own on a ranch north of Taylor, Nebraska. He visited the Lazy "D" Restaurant daily to have morning coffee and then return twice, or three, or sometimes 5 times a day to visit with Derek & Jessica, the owners of the restaurant. He also won the 2015 Lazy "D" Annual Chili Cook off.

Bob is survived by his sister, JoAnn Polk of York, Nebraska; sons, Brian of Kearney, Nebraska, Troy of Phoenix, Arizona and daughter Lisa of Hubert, North Carolina as well

as many grand-children and great grandchildren.

Bob survived the 2020 Pandemic at the Brookstone View Assisted Living in Broken Bow and passed on June 23, 2021 after 91 years of living the “Good Life” in Nebraska.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church
942 H Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3731
umc@windstream.net

Tribute Wall



“ 9 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - July 12, 2021 at 04:31 PM

TB

“ Josiea was Bob's step grand daughter that truly loved his chocolate chip cookies. She ordered them from him always without walnuts. Bob was truly loved by many.

Tara Bender - July 04, 2021 at 10:10 PM

BB

“ Love and miss u dad happy 4th



Brian Bender - July 04, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ I can still smell the cherry tobacco of Grandpa Benders pipe. When I was a kid he give me broccoli for my birthday :) (because I loved it). He showed me and taught me how to use a Rifle and to this day everytime I get broccoli or have a Rifle in my hand I always think of Grandpa Bender.



Robin Knox - June 29, 2021 at 01:25 PM

SM

“ This photo of Uncle Bob is wonderful as it shares how much he enjoyed hunting and his dogs. Your talent as a carpenter, baker. Taylor was your home and away from the noise of the world and blessed with a small town where coffee was plenty and good people around you. Most of all you spoke of Brian, he stopped by, you both went somewhere, even the many trips to the doctors, or to the store for groceries. It's hard to believe a few weeks ago we sat for a visit.. I will miss those chats, and to know there is so much more than this, I can almost hear you, Uncle Rod and dad catching up on the years you've been apart, good cup of coffee, possibly even a pipe to smoke, Grandma and Grandpa at your side and it is said.. Welcome home... all is well..

Sara (Bender) Miller - June 27, 2021 at 11:29 PM

BL

“ I remember Uncle Bob helping (Grandpa George) roof his house in York, also seeing him come to my mom's house and conversations in the driveway.

Barb Loseke - June 24, 2021 at 10:52 PM

BL

“ Barb Loseke lit a candle in memory of Robert Leroy Bender



Barb Loseke - June 24, 2021 at 10:51 PM