



## Robert L. Theis

July 10, 1931 - March 28, 2024

A Funeral Service for Robert will be held on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cordova, Nebraska with Pastor Michele Kanzaki presiding.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. with the family present from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Private Family Burial of Ashes will be held at a later date as it was Robert's wishes to be cremated following his Funeral Service at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. He will be buried next to his first wife in the Andrew Cemetery in Friend, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cordova.

Robert "Bob" Lee Theis came into this world on July 10, 1931, on a farm near Plainview, Nebraska, to Elmer and Anna Theis and passed away peacefully at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, Nebraska on March 28, 2024 at the age of 92. His childhood was filled with adventures alongside his brothers Harold and Marvin, and his sister, Shirley. Growing up, Bob's grandparents, especially Grandpa Nick Theis, were important. He loved to tell stories about Grandpa Nick helping throw bales in his 90's.

On April 11, 1953, Bob married Nathalie Ann Koppelman. Through the years, they welcomed six children into their lives - Chuck, Gord, Rod, Scott, Lisa, and Jeff. Their days were filled with the threads of parenthood, work, gardening, and attending their children's sporting events.

Bob's journey was further enriched by the laughter and joy of 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren born from his union with Nathalie. The twinkle in his eye as he teased his grandkids and boasted of their triumphs on the field or court will be forever remembered.

In 1989, Bob faced the heart-wrenching loss of Nathalie to brain cancer. Despite the sorrow, Bob found solace in work, hobbies, and the warmth of his family. In 1993, a new chapter unfolded as he married Alice Marie Beckler. Together, they created a home in Friend, embraced their roles as hosts, and embarked on adventures to be with loved ones. Through this union Bob also gained 4 step-children, 12 step-grandchildren, and 3 step-great-grandchildren. A decade and a half of happiness was shared before Bob bid farewell to Alice Marie.

Through joys and challenges, Bob's stubborn spirit prevailed until a stroke in 2015 altered his path. Even then, his determination and resilience shone through as he recovered from the ordeal. Fondly nicknamed the "miracle man" by his peers at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, where he spent his final years, Bob delighted in the visits from little ones and loved to tell everyone about their shared interactions.

In March 2024, Bob peacefully departed from this world, leaving behind a legacy cherished by his children: Chuck and Dee Theis (Kearney), Gordon and Bethy Theis (Beatrice), Rod and Diane Theis (Fremont), Scott and Kelly Theis (Western), Lisa and Paul Anderson (Ravenna), and Jeff and Jenna Theis (Geneva), step-children: Lisa Beckler (Florida), Bill and Tressa Beckler (Friend), and Rachel and Greg Garlock (Elkhorn), along with his beloved grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and step-great-grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Family Present for Visitation

MAR 30. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

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## Funeral Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
265 Helen Street  
Cordova, NE 68330

*Following the Funeral Service it was Robert's wishes to be cremated.*

# Tribute Wall



“ 34 files added to the album *Flower Arrangements*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - April 02, 2024 at 03:21 PM

DW

“ Dan Waldow lit a candle in memory of Robert Theis



Dan Waldow - March 30, 2024 at 06:22 PM

DW

“ Danny Waldow lit a candle in memory of Robert Theis



Danny Waldow - March 30, 2024 at 02:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert L. Theis.



March 29, 2024 at 05:46 PM

FR

“ Fred, Trish and Ryan Ricenbaw planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert L. Theis.

Fred, Trish and Ryan Ricenbaw - March 29, 2024 at 05:46 PM

LR

“ Love The Raszlers purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert L. Theis.



Love The Raszlers - March 29, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Robert L. Theis.



March 28, 2024 at 10:13 PM

JF

“ Jeremy Fairbanks family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert L. Theis.

Jeremy Fairbanks family - March 28, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert L. Theis.



March 28, 2024 at 03:20 PM

RV

“ Robert Votipka lit a candle in memory of Robert Theis



Robert D. Votipka - March 28, 2024 at 03:00 PM

JF

“ *Jerod Horchem and Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert L. Theis.*



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**Jerod Horchem and Family** - March 28, 2024 at 02:49 PM

KT

“ *Kent Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Robert Theis*



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**Kent & Rose Theobald** - March 28, 2024 at 01:40 PM