



Roland E. Saltzman

July 8, 1931 - January 6, 2019

Roland Eugene Saltzman was born on July 8, 1931, on a farm southeast of Shickley, Nebraska, the fourth of ten children of Ben and Gertrude (Schweitzer) Saltzman. He attended the country school located near the family farm.

Roland was very involved with farm work at a young age, doing chores and field work. He started out farming with horses and working with a threshing crew as a youth. He accepted Jesus as his personal savior as a teenager and became an active member of Salem Mennonite Church.

He met Leona Dora Goossen from Oakley, Kansas, when he was visiting his cousins at Hesston College. In the fall of 1952, he went to Denver, Colorado, to do alternative service as a conscientious objector during the Korean War. He worked in a hospital laundry and then as a rabies control officer for the city of Denver. Roland and Leona were married on June 20, 1954, spent two years in Denver, and then returned to Shickley. They have four children: Roland Gene, Linda Jo, Jenny Elaine, and Brian Charles.

After moving back to a small house in Shickley, Roland farmed with his father and also was employed by Fillmore County as a gravel truck driver and at Shickley Grain Co. as an attendant. In 1960, Roland and the family moved to their home in the country where they lived for 22 years.

Roland and brothers Don and Aubrey started Saltzman Brothers Trucking Company in 1959, hauling cattle, rock, and grain. Later, brothers Darreld and Gary joined the partnership. Saltzman Inc. became the trucking company and Saltzman Bros. became the farm partnership. He was involved in the trucking company for 46 years and was proud of the accomplishment of driving over three million accident-free miles. Trucking and farming were Roland's life work.

Roland retired in 1996, and he and Leona purchased a house in Phoenix, Arizona. Roland enjoyed winters there, returning to Nebraska in the summer to work on antique tractors and participate in antique tractor shows, parades, and tractor pulls. Roland also restored a 1952 Buick, which he took to car shows and parades—it was the same model of car he had when he and Leona were newlyweds.

Roland and Leona moved to Heritage Crossings in Geneva, Nebraska, in 2016. Roland passed away on Sunday, January 6, 2019, while under hospice care, at the age of 87 years, 5 months and 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ben and Gertrude (Schweitzer) Saltzman, son Brian Saltzman, brother Gaylord Saltzman, and sisters Ruby (Saltzman) Kennel and Bonnie (Saltzman) Stutzman.

He is survived by his wife Leona (Goossen) Saltzman, son Gene (Lynette) Saltzman; daughters Linda (Wesley) Hochstetler and Jenny (Scott) Eichelberger; grandchildren Heidi Hochstetler, Melissa (Isaac) Landis, Rachel (Tim) Balzer, Sydney (Bill) Conner, Mikki (Mark) Bowman, Rebecca (Logan) Orpin, Nicholas Eichelberger, and Elizabeth Eichelberger; great-grandchildren Owen, Max, and Anna Landis, Bailey Conner, Eli and Elora Bowman, and Miles Balzer; siblings Don Saltzman, Darreld (Rhonda) Saltzman, Mattie

(Don) Kuhns, Aubrey (Glenda) Saltzman, Barbara (Larry) Eichelberger, and Gary (Donna) Saltzman; and many friends.

A Funeral Service for Roland was held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Salem Mennonite Church, rural Shickley. Pastor Shawn Nolt officiated the service. Special Music was provided by Roland's Grandchildren and included: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," "Come To Jesus," and a hymn medley of "I'll Fly Away/Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." The postlude consisted of some of Roland's favorite recorded selections.

Pallbearers for the service included Nick Eichelberger, Sydney Conner, Bill Conner, Isaac Landis, Mark Bowman, Tim Balzer, and Lorgan Orpin. Interment was held in the Salem Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home of Geneva was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the Salem Mennonite Church.

Tribute Wall



“ 61 files added to the album *Saltzman Flower Pics*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 10, 2019 at 12:52 PM

JY

“ Thinking of you and your family as you mourn the loss of Roland. I remember fondly the time he and Leona, Ruby and Mahlon came to PA (on an MDS trip, I think) and stopped to see us. Dave, my husband, didn't get to know to many of my Shickley connections, but he remembers Rollie.

Jane Yoder - January 10, 2019 at 07:30 AM

SB

“ Sherri Burkland lit a candle in memory of Roland E. Saltzman



sherri burklund - January 09, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roland E. Saltzman.*



January 09, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roland E. Saltzman.*



January 09, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss and prayers for the family. I remember the first time I met Roland and that was after Gene came to work with Norman Anderson. Roland said something that really was a little offensive and I thought who are you, then I looked at him and he was smiling. We got along great and he was always willing to talk and share stories and most of them had a little bit of humor to them.*

Roger Barrett - January 09, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *Murray, Helen, Kristi, Zac, Emily, Cory & Julianna purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Roland E. Saltzman.*



Murray, Helen, Kristi, Zac, Emily, Cory & Julianna - January 09, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roland E. Saltzman.*



January 09, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss! We won't be able to come but are remembering you and the family in prayer.*

*Sheryl Goossen
Oklahoma*

Sheryl Goossen - January 09, 2019 at 02:21 AM



“ *Dwayne, Vanessa and Izabel Mays purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roland E. Saltzman.*



Dwayne, Vanessa and Izabel Mays - January 08, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *CAROLE A EPP lit a candle in memory of Roland E. Saltzman*



CAROLE A EPP - January 08, 2019 at 11:03 AM

CE

“ *Leona & Family*

*I am sorry i can not be with you i have great memories of when we all worked together
and i know how things go in lie and death, i extend my very deepest sympathy to you and all the family.
Carole Epp and Family*

CAROLE A EPP - January 08, 2019 at 11:02 AM

KT

“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Roland E. Saltzman*



Kent & Rose Theobald - January 08, 2019 at 09:40 AM

SS

“ *Steve & Barb Sadd lit a candle in memory of Roland E. Saltzman*



steve & barb sadd - January 07, 2019 at 07:28 PM

MK

“ *Leona and family I AM sorry for the loss of your dear one, may you and your family feel the love of OUR HEAVENLY FATHER in the days ahead, also to the rest of the family. I am sorry that I can't be there on Thursday but I will be on my way to AZ. Keeping all of you in my prayers. Your cousin Marge.*

Marjorie Kremer - January 07, 2019 at 04:22 PM

CW

“ *Camella Walters lit a candle in memory of Roland E. Saltzman*



Camella Walters - January 07, 2019 at 03:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roland E. Saltzman.*



January 07, 2019 at 12:38 PM