



Ronald Rex Rippe

December 22, 1929 - September 9, 2013

Ronald R. Rippe was born December 22, 1929 to Frank and Martha (Schweer) Rippe of rural Ohio, Nebraska. He passed away on September 9, 2013 at Fairview Manor at Fairmont, Nebraska where he had called home for the last three months, three weeks. Ron was 83 years, 8 months and 19 days old. Ron was the youngest child in his family. He had a sister Esther who married Paul Zimmerman and a brother, Clarence who married Loretta Markey. He was baptized on February 23, 1930 and confirmed on April 18, 1943 at the St. John's Lutheran Church (now known as Grace Lutheran) south of Ohio. His confirmation verse was Psalm 146 verse 5 "Happy is he, that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God." Ron attended country school at District 34 and graduated from high school in Ohio, Nebraska, District 40 in 1947. On September 1, 1948 he enlisted in the Air Force. He was stationed at Lackland Air Base in Texas and Lory Field in Colorado. After serving his time in the reserves he was honorably discharged in 1953. In 1951 he married his high school sweetheart Mary Ann Soukup. On June 17th of this year Ron and MaryAnn celebrated their 62nd anniversary with dinner, flowers and music at the Fairview Manor. Two children were born of this union, David and Rhonda. Ron farmed and raised cattle all of his life until his health did not permit. Ron was a life long faithful member of Grace Lutheran. He served numerous times on the church council in every office. He served as the head of the Sunday School and taught many Sunday School classes during his life as well as serving on the Church

Cemetery Board . He was very proud of the fact that four generations of his family served as President of the church, his father, himself, both of his children, David and Rhonda and now grandson, Drew. Ron was a former member of the Ohioa Chamber of Commerce and the Thayer County Feeders. He has been an active member of American Legion Post 193 and had served as Adjutant, Vice Commander and Commander. Ron's life centered around family, church and the Ohioa community. He was predeceased in death by his parents, Frank and Martha Rippe; sister Esther Zimmerman and husband Paul; brother Clarence Rippe and wife Loretta. He is survived by wife Mary Ann; son David and wife Debra of Bruning; daughter Rhonda Kendall and husband Mark of Ohioa. Grandchildren: Seth and Katie Rippe, Sydney and Tim Hecke all of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Ross Rippe of Omaha, Nebraska and Drew Kendall of Ohioa, Nebraska. Great granddaughters Kara Hecke and Avery Rippe. Brother-in-law, Mike Soukup, nieces and nephews, together with a host of many, many friends and other relatives.

Funeral services 2 p.m., Friday, September 13, 2013 at the Grace Lutheran Church rural Ohioa, Nebraska. Visitation Thursday, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva. Military graveside services at the Grace Lutheran Church Cemetery. Memorials are in care of the family.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ronald Rex Rippe*

Sandy (Rippe) Bolejack - September 11, 2013 at 03:30 PM

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“ *Mary Ann, Dave, and Rhonda,
I was so saddened to see that Ron had passed away. I have such great memories of growing up in Ohio and of course your family is a part of those memories. Mary Ann I am glad that you have your family close to you to help you through this hard time. You all have my sympathy and my prayers are going out to you.---Tim Phillips*

Tim Phillips - September 11, 2013 at 11:08 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the extended Ronald Rippe Family. Ronald was a truly good man, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Better can not be said about a person than this.*

Jerry D Anderson - September 10, 2013 at 11:27 PM