

Thomas B. Manning

April 7, 1930 - August 3, 2016

Funeral services for Tom will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Exeter. Father Steve Thomlison will officiate the services.

Burial will be held in the Exeter Cemetery following the funeral service.

Visitation will be Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Farmer Funeral Home in Exeter. A Rosary will be prayed at St. Stephen's Catholic Church on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Memorials are directed to the St. Stephen's Catholic Church or the Exeter Volunteer Fire Department.

Thomas Burton Manning was born in Sawyer, NE to Earl and Clara (Biba) Manning on April 7, 1930. He passed away on August 3, 2016 in Lincoln, NE. As a very young boy, Tom lived in Sawyer until 1934, when his father moved his elevator business, house, and barn to Burress, NE. He was then raised in Burress, where he also attended country school. He attended high school at Exeter Public School in Exeter, NE, where he graduated with his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Murphy in 1947. He briefly attended business school in Lincoln before returning to Burress, joining the family grain business. In the summer of 1949, he and Marilyn were married. They resided in Exeter for one

year, then moved to Burress, where they lived for the remainder of their 65 years of marriage. It is there that they raised their eight children and taught them by example to be hardworking and honest. Tom felt that one of the most important gifts he could give his children was a good education.

Tom and Marilyn were united in marriage at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Exeter on June 11th, 1949. They held their wedding dance at the Burress Dance Hall. Shortly after, the historic hall was filled with grain. They spent their Honeymoon in Grand Lake, Colorado. Tom and Marilyn loved and respected each other in all walks of life. Together they shared an everlasting love.

Instilling the importance of family was very important to them. Most years they would take the family to Grand Lake in the summer to enjoy the beauty of the mountains. One of Tom's greatest joys was taking his children on mountain hikes to the ranger station on top of Shadow Mountain. His last mountain hike was in 2014 at the age of 84. It was a one-mile hike, which included one of his favorite points of nature, Adams Falls. His final trip to Grand Lake was last September 2015.

Tom loved to spend time outdoors, whether it was for work or for pleasure. He enjoyed river fishing, gardening, hiking, a lifetime of scooping grain, and endless mowing! His dedication to neighbors, customers, friends, and family was ever present. He will be remembered as an honest, hardworking, kind, gentle, and caring man. He will be eternally loved, and forever missed.

Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn, daughter Clara, and brother, Richard (Dick). He is survived by sons Thomas David Manning, and wife Bette, Fairmont, NE, Chris Manning and wife Brenda, Exeter, NE, Mark Manning and wife Leanne, Crete, NE, Kent Manning and wife Cindy Fairmont, NE, Matthew Manning and wife Heather, Lincoln NE; daughters, Melinda Hofferber, Westminster, CO, Jennifer Manning, Lincoln, NE; 15 grandchildren;

11 great-grandchildren.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Farmer Funeral Home
305 South Burlington Avenue
Exeter, NE 68351
(402) 266-3621
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Our sympathies on the loss of Tom. I am sure he is happy in heaven with his sweet wife and what a joyous reunion.

Jill Oldehoeft - August 14, 2016 at 01:12 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. The O'Brien family. Donna, Paul, Mark and Shauna, Britt and Amy.

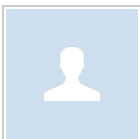
Britt O'Brien - August 10, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ 70 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - August 09, 2016 at 07:51 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Manning.



August 08, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Manning.*



August 08, 2016 at 02:23 PM



“ *Tony and Dena Beard purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Thomas B. Manning.*



Tony and Dena Beard - August 08, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *So very sorry for your loss, God Bless your family. Janey Bell Wernsman*

Jane Wernsman - August 08, 2016 at 09:41 AM



“ *Rodney And Donna Norrie lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Manning*



Rodney and Donna Norrie - August 07, 2016 at 03:52 PM

RN

Our deepest sympathy to the Manning family. Tom was an outstanding businessman and a great friend to many people. His integrity was admired by everyone that knew him. He will always hold a special place in the Taylor family hearts. ...

Rodney and Donna Norrie - August 07, 2016 at 03:55 PM

GP

*“ Many memories of the family, great family, so sorry for you're lost. Sympathy to everyone
Pete (Wayne) and Gladys Petersen*

Gladys Petersen - August 06, 2016 at 10:06 PM

BM

*“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this sad time.
Mike and Brenda Motis*



Brenda Motis - August 06, 2016 at 07:48 PM

CN

*“ My thoughts and prayers are with your Family at this difficult time. I think of you often as I remember Clara and the special friendship we shared. After I met Clara, I discovered that as a railroader, my Dad had bought his work shoes for many years from your Family at the Burress elevator. It is such a small world! May the Love & memories you all share strengthen your Family in this time of loss.
Colleen Nider*



Colleen Nider - August 06, 2016 at 09:34 AM

BB

“ *Our sincere sympathy.*



Bob and Bev - August 05, 2016 at 04:50 PM

YA

“ *Your friends at Nebraska AEYC purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas B. Manning.*



Your friends at Nebraska AEYC - August 05, 2016 at 02:54 PM

JW

“ *Jan Wood lit a candle in memory of Thomas B. Manning*



Jan Wood - August 05, 2016 at 01:21 PM

NG

“ *Neil and Robyn (Manning) Wood, Stuttgart Germany purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Thomas B. Manning.*



Neil and Robyn (Manning) Wood, Stuttgart Germany - August 05, 2016 at 01:20 PM

SH

“ *Sandy Housholder purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas B. Manning.*



Sandy Housholder - August 05, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas B. Manning.*



August 05, 2016 at 11:22 AM

JU

“ *My deepest sympathies. My the Lord embrace you at your time of loss.*



Janine Uldrich - August 05, 2016 at 04:37 AM

PH

My deepest sympathies to the Manning family. I have so many fond memories of Tom and his devotion to his family during my days of living in Exeter and working at the school. My thoughts and prayers to all of you.

Patricia Hoffschneider - August 08, 2016 at 09:53 AM