



Waldo Schinzel

March 29, 1930 - October 4, 2016

Ralph “Waldo” Schinzel was born on March 29, 1930 on the family farm three miles southwest of Grafton, NE in the same room where his father had been born. He was the 2nd of four children born to Ralph Milton Schinzel and Gladys Vivian (Hubbard) Schinzel. Waldo passed away on October 4, 2016 at Heritage Crossings in Geneva, NE at the age of 86 years, 6 months and 6 days.

Waldo began his schooling at a country school and upon graduation from Sutton High School in 1947, he attended the University of Nebraska – Lincoln for one semester before returning home to the family farm. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1950 where he served both domestically as well as an international tour in Italy. He was honorably discharged in 1953. Soon after, he met the love of his life the late Virjean Faye (Hopken) Schinzel. After their marriage on April 10, 1955, they lived on a farm northwest of Grafton before moving to the homestead west of Geneva where they lived for 48 years before moving into Geneva. Waldo was a dedicated farmer who devoted his life to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved being on the farm, and his passions included his extended family, visiting with friends, and gardening. As a child, Waldo learned how to crochet from his mother. This hobby carried on with him throughout his life and it gave him much joy to make and gift many of his creations to family and friends. Waldo will be remembered by many for his big heart and sense of humor.

Waldo was preceded in death by his wife Virjean (Hopken) Schinzel; his parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law Bernard & Ella Hopken; sister Phyllis Samuelson and her husbands Phillip Skinner, Robert Krohn, and Ed Samuelson, brothers Charles Schinzel and his wife Jo, and Dean Schinzel and his wife Dorothy.

Waldo is survived by his daughter Gail (Arend) Baack of Grand Island, NE; and three sons Glen (Judy) Schinzel of Bay City, TX; Gary (Karen) Schinzel of Phoenix, AZ; and Gene Schinzel of Omaha, NE. He has five grandchildren Karina (Zach) Loder, Omaha, NE; Tiffany (Jason) Beaty, Omaha, NE; Charles Johnson, Magnolia, TX; Matt Johnson, Greenbrier, AR; Jeff (Sara) Johnson, Dyess AFB, TX; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral service for Waldo will be 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 10, 2016, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Stephen Kruschel officiating.

Burial will be in the Geneva Public Cemetery

Public Visitation will begin Sunday October 9, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family greeting friends from 4 to 7 at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva

Memorials are directed to the Grace Lutheran Church

Tribute Wall

VC

“ Virginia Carlson lit a candle in memory of Waldo Schinzel



Virginia Carlson - October 13, 2016 at 10:15 AM

VC

Waldo was always cheerful and made other people smile. He will be missed by many people. The other day I walked past his room and it made me sad to know he was no longer with us. He was down the hall a few rooms from my Dad. Rest in peace Waldo. Heaven has gained another angel. Prayers for his family.

Virginia Carlson - October 13, 2016 at 10:23 AM



“ 29 files added to the album Waldo Schinzel Flowers



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - October 10, 2016 at 03:54 PM

DJ

“ *Waldo stayed at our house in Lincoln for a few weeks when Virjean was in hospital for her kidney surgery. He called me his den mother. He became like part of our family. I remember him keeping a daily journal. Our prayers are with the family. Donna (Schrock) Jacobsen*

Donna Jacobsen - October 09, 2016 at 09:52 PM

DL

“ *SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF A FRIEND.
DAVID LINDBLOOM FORT WAYNE IN.*

DAVID LINDBLOOM - October 08, 2016 at 07:02 PM

JB

“ *With deepest sympathy to Waldo's family.*

Jenice (Anderson) Bates

Jenice Bates - October 07, 2016 at 09:26 AM

BM

“ *Brenda Motis lit a candle in memory of Waldo
Schinzel*



Brenda Motis - October 07, 2016 at 08:44 AM

CU

“ I do not know Waldo's family but I saw him at least once a week when I was visiting my mom at Heritage. He was always smiling and lots of fun to be around. We will miss him and his smile brightening the halls. Cheryl uher

Cheryl uher - October 07, 2016 at 07:04 AM

KR

“ Sorry for your loss. I remember many years of hauling hay with Waldo and the other farmers in the area. And then later when he was in the nursing home down the hall from mom's room. He was a very genuine man.

Ken Reinsch - October 06, 2016 at 05:40 PM



“ On his farm, I used to help Waldo from time to time. I always liked being around Waldo. He was a very special person and a really good friend. Rest in Peace Waldo. Prayers go out to his family. Ron and Gloria Boyes

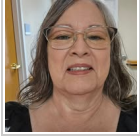
Gloria Boyes - October 06, 2016 at 02:51 PM

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“ Waldo's Family I was shocked to see Waldo had passed; he was such a special person to me and to many others.. I will miss his hugs, his caring, his humor and most of all just him. Waldo, my friend, you will be missed by many, rest in peace. Pat

With Sadness, Pat and Dayle Gewecke

Pat Gewecke - October 06, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ *Waldo was a wonderful person he will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers to out Gail, family and friends* ”

Constance Woodward - October 06, 2016 at 11:59 AM