



Wayne W. Henkel

February 6, 1931 - March 10, 2023

A Funeral Service for Wayne was held on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fairmont Community Church in Fairmont, Nebraska. Pastor Monica Magoola presided over the Funeral Service. Nancy Jo Galusha accompanied the congregation in the singing of "In The Garden" and "Amazing Grace." She also played special music, "The Lord's Prayer" on the piano.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors was held in the Fairmont Public Cemetery following the Funeral Service.

Memorials are suggested to the Fairmont Community Church or the Fairmont American Legion.

Wayne was born to Fred Henry Henkel and Elsie Helena (Meyer) Henkel on February 6, 1931 near Campbell, Nebraska. He passed away March 10, 2023 in Livingston, Texas at the age of 92 year, 1 months, and 4 days. He was one of two children in the family.

Wayne lived on the farm with his parents until he started working for Leslie Arent as a farmhand. He then served four years in the Navy entering. While in the Naval Reserves, he lived in Norfolk, Arkansas and Missouri. After the service, he came back to Nebraska and worked for Nebraska Kansas

Colorado Grain/Seaboard Grain until he retired in 1993. Summers were spent in Nebraska with gardening etc. and winters were spent in Texas doing what he loved the most...fishing.

Wayne was married to Cleo Ardell (Arent) May 1952 and to them four children were born: Joseph, Carol, Geneice, and Royal Dean. Wayne loved fishing, gardening, playing cards and socializing. He attended the Fairmont Community Church and read his bible daily. He was also active with the Legion Club and was very proud to receive his quilt of Valor.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents Elsie and Fred Henkel; wife Cleo Ardell, wife Dorothy Quick; two sons Joseph Wayne and Royal Dean; one grandson Jeremiah James Albrecht, and sister Donna Swaney.

He is survived by his daughter Carol Albrecht and her children Jesse Albrecht, Dani Asay, and Bobi Farrow and daughter Geneice Smith and husband Gaynor and their children Tera Hanson and Anson Smith; and 4 great grandchildren with one in the oven.

Cemetery Details

Fairmont Public Cemetery

Fairmont, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fairmont Community Church
705 F Street
Fairmont, NE 68354

Tribute Wall

RN

“ R.I.P. WAYNE

Randy Nun - March 29, 2023 at 10:07 PM



“ 13 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - March 17, 2023 at 01:36 PM

CA

“ So loved Wayne and family. Best of friends with Carol spent time good times at the Henkel home. Wayne loved to give us girls a hard time and was very tolerant of our experimental recipes. Best one was our Spaghetti O casserole. You brought a lot of joy Wayne to us all. You will give heaven more sunshine and happiness. Love and prayers to the Henkel family.

Carol Oliver (Ackland) - March 16, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne W. Henkel.*



March 15, 2023 at 10:08 PM



“ *I always looked forward when Wayne and Dorothy would come back to Nebraska. He would come to the Courthouse, and we would have the best visits. I can still hear him chuckle and see his smile. RIP Wayne!*
Barb Trapp



Barb Trapp - March 14, 2023 at 04:13 PM



Wayne Petersen worked with Wayne Henkel at the Fairmont air base and he came friends. Pete would see him every once in a while and have good talks. Sympathy to the family. Wayne and Gladys Petersen

Wayne and Gladys Petersen - March 29, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Wayne W. Henkel.*



March 14, 2023 at 09:42 AM

LN

“ Wayne and his family were part of my life while growing up in Fairmont . He loved to take us out catching crawdads and fishing. Also worked with my dad in the American legion at Fairmont . Love and prayers to all the family.

louise(Burback) Neiman - March 14, 2023 at 04:42 AM

PR

“ Wayne was a great guy, we always enjoyed visiting with him when he came to the bank. He often brought us berries and produce from his garden. Wayne always had a nice smile on his face and was a joy to have around, he will be missed.

Poodge Reed - March 13, 2023 at 10:16 PM

SL

“ What a wonderful Man. He will be dearly missed by many. My prayers to Family and Friends for strength and comfort. I am blessed to have had the chance to know Wayne. ❤️

Stef L. - March 13, 2023 at 09:34 PM

ML

I worked with Wayne at NKC Grain for 37 years. He was always great to be around. When he went south for the Winter, he always sent a Christmas card or sometimes he would call on the phone to get the news from Fairmont. He will be missed by many.

Lyn & John Lowe---March 15

Madeline Lowe - March 15, 2023 at 12:14 PM

BP

Your are dearly missed, uncle. Those beautiful moments you shared with us as kids will remind us of the great man you were. Rest in eternal peace. Your in my prayers.

Barbara Ann Pendergast-Perry

Barbara Ann Pendergast-Perry - March 22, 2023 at 04:13 PM