



## Robert "Bob" Lee Russell

May 9, 1932 - October 7, 2020

Robert L. "Bob" Russell of Grand Island, passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Cremation has been chosen and no service will be held. His family will gather at a later time to honor Robert's memory. Burial will be in Richland Cemetery, south of Marquette. Robert was born May 9, 1932 at Marquette, NE, the eldest child of Howard K. and Florence (Holtz) Russell. He attended grades 1 through 8 at Pleasant View District 89 and graduated from Marquette High School, class of 1949.

On May 29, 1953 Robert married Darlene A. Willis at the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Aurora.

Bob served in the United States Army from October 1952 until September 1954, serving in Korea as an engineer mechanic. He then farmed until he went into law enforcement. In May 1997, after 22 years, he retired from the Hall County Sheriff's Department.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene; four sons, Andrew L. Russell, Kent E. Russell, Kevin (Shanell) Russell and Andy Nguyen, all of Grand Island; daughter, Amy J. (Terry) McIntosh of Palmer; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by four sisters, Beverly (Richard) Gustafson, Sandra (Wendell) Mankin, Karen McClure, and Nancy (Larry) McDonald; and two brothers, Tom (Sharon) Russell and Melvyn (Sylvia) Russell.

Bob's parents and sister, Rosalie preceded him in death.

# Comments

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“ Echoing my sister's and brother's comments - I, too, have many fond memories of Bob's involvement in our family and farming operations - both working and playing. Bob taught me just about everything I ever knew about horses and riding. He also showed me how to re-load ammunition, not to mention quite a few mechanical skills. We worked closely together in both farming and hog production operations. When Bob and his family decided to move out to Western Nebraska, Dad chose to close down the hog production facility because, he told me, he didn't think he would ever find another man as good as Bob to run it. I enjoyed a couple of pheasant hunting trips and some fishing with Bob after he retired. I was pleased to note - when I visited the Hamilton County Veteran's Memorial in Aurora - that Bob's name and my own were inscribed in the same panel.

My deepest sympathy to Darlene, Andy, Kent, Kevin, Amy and families - and also to all of Bob's sisters and brothers.

**Daniel E Tyler** - October 11, 2020 at 02:28 AM

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“ Bob was important to our family's farming operation when I was growing up. But my most important personal memories have to do with a shared love of horses and riding. Bob pastured several horses in the small pasture adjacent to their house, where I watched impatiently for this beautiful 2 year old sorrel gelding get old enough to break and ride. I finally bought my beloved "Niki". It was short for Sputnik, launched earlier that year, because he "put me into orbit" the first time I tried to ride him! Thankfully, Bob worked with Niki and me to train both of us for years of joy in the saddle. He was patient and hard working, and greatly appreciated by the Tylers.

**Kathy Tyler Trotter** - October 10, 2020 at 03:12 PM

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“ Dear Darlene and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We recall fondly Bob's years on the farm and his friendship during the many years that followed.  
Kind regards,  
Brian Tyler and the Tyler family

**Brian Tyler** - October 10, 2020 at 11:29 AM