



Charley Clark

October 5, 1928 - March 10, 2016

Charles J. "Charley" Clark, 87 of Alda died Thursday, March 10, 2016 at the Grand Island Veterans Home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Resurrection Catholic Church. Father Michael F. McDermott will officiate. Burial will be at 11:30 Tuesday in the Fort McPherson National Cemetery near Maxwell, NE with military honors.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday with a Parish Rosary beginning at 6 p.m. at the Resurrection Catholic Church.

All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

The oldest of seven children, Charley was born in Omaha on October 5, 1928 to Howard and Marie (Kempnich) Clark.

Survivors include his daughters, Diana (David) Davies of Severance, CO, Susan (Jim) Hamilton of Omaha, Jan (Ken) Simons of Cairo, Joan (Larry) Failor of Loveland, CO; his special friend and caregiver, Virginia Hickey of Alda; brothers, Robert "Bud" Clark of Maryland, Michael "Mick" Clark of Omaha and Al Clark of Omaha; sisters, Rose Bruner of Wisconsin, Marie De Paula of Maryland and Betty Beem of Omaha; his grandchildren, Stephanie, Scott (Jen) and Lauren Dennis, Sarah (Matt) Kulhman, Christopher, Jake and Taylor Hamilton, Ken (Kristien), CJ (Jill) and Kati (Travis Brunt) Simons and great-grandchildren, Kalli, Kynlee, Kolten, Beau, Declan, Deagan and Landon; special uncle, Mike Kempnich and many nephews, nieces and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nola; his parents; granddaughters,

Maria and Angel Hamilton and son-in-law, Kurt Schuyler.

He attended Catholic Schools in Omaha and graduated from St. Cecilia Catholic School in Louisville, Kentucky in 1943. Returning to Omaha where he worked for the St. Louis Spring Company. With the help of his uncles Leo and Mike they built a vehicle garage. He was employed at the Modern Farm Store in Omaha before going to work for the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company retiring after 30 years of service. He then went to work for the Grand Island Interstate Holiday Inn for many years.

Charley married Nola J. Cowell on July 26, 1947. They resided in Omaha until 1968 when he was transferred to Grand Island with the phone company. They moved to an acreage by Cairo in 1976 then to Alda in 1996.

He proudly served our country in the Korean Conflict from 1951-1953, stationed in Korea for one year working as a mechanic on tankers. When his mother gave him the middle name Joseph she could never have guessed what a talented carpenter and builder her son would become. He started building his first home for his family shortly after he was married. Later, he built them a new home in Cairo and helped build two homes for his daughters. His last project was a big workshop he built for himself while in his 70's.

As a talented mechanic he loved to create new projects. If you need it, he could make it. He built a wire winder for the phone company. He helped restore a 1928 Telephone truck, now located in the Lexington Museum and restored and completely rebuilt a 1953 Ferguson tractor and a two-row lister. He was in the process of restoring a 1964 Plymouth Valiant Convertible.

He enjoyed watching football and boxing, doing puzzles and playing cards. He loved being with family and friends. He served as President of the District 31 School Board. He was a devote catholic and served Resurrection parish in several capacities, including Eucharistic Minister, usher and Parish Council. He helped build their first church and the second addition. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the donor's choice or to the new Resurrection Church "For All Generations".

Cemetery Details

Ft. McPherson

Maxwell, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Charley Clark*

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“ *I know you don't really know me but, I'm the granddaughter of Bob and Sis Kempnich. In the last 15 or so years, I have got to know Charley and he was a special person. Always on the go doing something, working on his tractor, helping Virginia with her garden. The few times I drove Grandpa up to see Charley, we stayed for hours and they shared so many memories. It was so interesting to hear all those things, things only I know, things I can cherish about both of them.*

So sorry for your loss, he was a very good man and he will be missed.

Brenda Kempnich Tagler

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