



## Gaylord F Nielsen

November 11, 1918 - March 6, 2014

Gaylord Francis Nielsen, 95 of Grand Island, passed away peacefully and met his Lord and Savior with his family and special friend, Bruce at his side on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at Tiffany Square. Gaylord suffered a heart attack February 19th.

Celebration of life services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at All Faiths Funeral Home.

To honor Gaylord's wishes cremation has taken place; burial will take place at a later date in Westlawn Cemetery, Grand Island.

He is survived by his wife, Fern of Grand Island; a niece, Ramona Graves; and nephew, Eric (Maxine) Nielsen; sister-in-law, Harriett Nielsen; several cousins and many young friends that have been Special Children throughout life.

Mr. Nielsen is preceded in death by his parents; two infant sisters, and one brother, Forrest.

Mr. Nielsen was born November 11, 1918 on the farm at Dannebrog, to Francis and Anna (Christensen) Nielsen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He attended District #61 country school and Dannebrog

High School. He enlisted and served from February 1942 till November 1945 in the Air Force with the Aeronautical Chart Division.

He married Fern K. Matousek of St. Paul on May 22, 1948. They lived and continued farming northwest of Dannebrog on the family farm until retirement in 1979 when they made Grand Island their home. While living in Howard County, Mr. Nielsen received the Soil Conservation Award in 1959. In the early 60's, he helped with experiments and kept records for the newly formed Farwell Irrigation District. He served on the local school board, the County Redistricting Committee and was Chairman of the Soil and Water Conservation District for 8 years, as well as many other organizations.

Mr. Nielsen was Exalted Ruler of Grand Island Elks Lodge #604 from 1967 to 1968. He served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy in 1970 – 1971. He served other offices in the Nebraska Elks Association, including State President in 1981-1982. He was a Certified Elks Ritual Judge for seven years, judging in all the surrounding states. He also worked for five years for the Dannebrog and Elba State Banks and the Bank of Peru as a farm management and inspection consultant.

Mr. Nielsen was a member of the Lutheran Church, B. P.O. Elks Lodge #604, American Legion Post #53, 408 Post # 136 Fraternal Order of Eagles, Platt Duetsche and Saddle Club.

Memorials are suggested to the Gaylord Nielsen Memorial Fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gaylord F Neilsen*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Hello Fern and family, It is Tuesday, March 11, and my mother just called at 1:45 p.m. She had just read about Gaylord's death in her newspaper only moments before. We were shocked to read he had passed and she wondered if I could make it to the Celebration of Life? Since it takes 20-30 minutes to get to Grand Island from Hastings, I could not get there in time, even if I was ready to leave, which I was not. We are so, so sorry to hear of his death and sorry that I (or we) could not be there! If we would have known in time, I would have been...*

*We are thinking of you right now as you meet with friends and family and hope you get this note yet today. I will be in touch soon and will hope to see you, maybe next week?*

*Of course, we have many fond memories of you both over many years, especially when you were on the farm in Dannebrog.*

*Again, our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days ahead! Love, Jerri (and Dee) Haussler, Juleen Reher, and Jodi Govig*

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**Jerri and Dee Haussler** - March 11, 2014 at 02:27 PM

RS

“ To the family of Gaylord Nielsen  
We are so sorry for your loss....we used to see Fern and Gaylord at many Noden/Spilinek gatherings....Gaylord was always such a kind and gracious man and always had a wonderful, infectious smile....our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Love, Rick and Sue Noden

Rick and Sue - March 11, 2014 at 08:24 AM

DJ

“ Dear Fern We share in your loss. and feel your sorrow. Know that Uncle Gaylord is in Heaven shining down on you and smiling.  
Rest in Peace Uncle Gaylord!!  
Deborah and Robert Noden Jr Lincoln NE



Deborah and Robert Noden Jr - March 10, 2014 at 11:45 AM

MM

“ Mark & Chris Matousek purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Gaylord F Nielsen.



Mark & Chris Matousek - March 10, 2014 at 09:41 AM

GD

“ Dear Fern, know that we are remembering you and honoring the memory of our friend, Gaylord. May God give you His strength and His comfort and peace during this sad time. Our prayers are with you.... Georgie and Harold Dorsey. Loup City

georgia dorsey - March 09, 2014 at 08:28 AM