



Lloyd "Bud" Wagner

March 3, 1924 - December 29, 2015

Lloyd "Bud" Wagner, 91, of Chapman died on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at CHI- Health St. Francis.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 5 to 7 p. m. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Rev. Bill Pavuk will officiate. Burial will follow at Chapman Cemetery. Lloyd was born on March 3, 1924 at the family farm near Chapman, son of Herbert and Martha (Giesler) Wagner.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Shirley Wagner of Chapman; children, Leland Wagner of Denver, CO, Lynnett Wagner of Omaha, Lorene (Robert) Hetherington of Columbus, OH,; grandchildren, Ashley and William Hetherington of Columbus, OH; sister, Loretta Wiese and special friend Derald Deselms; brother-in-law, Wallace (Darlene) Rief; along with numerous extended family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Jane Wagner; brother, Harold; sisters, Betty (Glen) Wiese and Eleanor (James) Ayres; sister-in-law, Irene Petersen; and niece Gaylene VanHousen.

Bud grew up on a farm near Prairie Creek with his brother and sisters. The depression era raised many good workers whose family's love sustained them through those years. He attended District 425 through the 8th grade.

Bud enjoyed dancing at the Glovea Hall, where he met Shirley L. Rief. On February 15, 1959 they were united in marriage. The couple made their home on a farm near Chapman.

Bud was a lifetime farmer. His love for nature and work ethic began early when he received four dozen duck eggs from his aunt and uncle to care for during the depression. For many years Bud raised corn, soybeans, alfalfa, cattle and hogs. His cattle topped the market one year in Kansas City. Like the majority of farmers he enjoyed trying to be the first in the field come spring. When it came to tractors his favorite were Minneapolis Moline and Farmalls. He spent many hours disassembling and re-assembling the power units and tractors.

He and his brother Harold were some of the first in the area to transition from open ditch irrigation to pipes and then pivots. When seed technology started, Bud embraced the change, using the hybrid seed and employed as a dealer for Northrup King Seed and Allied Chemical fertilizer.

He enjoyed helping with the Merrick Co. 4-H with his family. Bud served on the Elizabeth and Alfred Bader Advisory Board which was a supporting part of the Merrick CO. Foundation Trust. He was a former member in National Farmers Organization for collective bargaining and Farmers Union. Bud was also a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Bud loved his family, the farm, flowers and the pets. He shared his love and work ethic with his family as well as giving many local kids their first job. Social programs were few and far between so the farm couples depended upon their faith, family, independence and neighbors working together. Memorials are suggested to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Chapman Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Chapman Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church
1515 South Harrison Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Tribute Wall



“ *Lloyd "Bud" Wagner*

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