



Philip E. Hammon

April 2, 1922 - April 12, 2018

Philip Hammon, 96, of Grand Island, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE, with lunch following.

Philip was born April 2, 1922 at Kennebec, SD to Frank E. and Elizabeth Bell (Wellman) Hammon. Philip grew up and attended school in the Lynch, Nebraska area.

He entered the US Army Air Corp on October 1, 1942 and served during WWII as Staff Sargent and Crew Chief. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, he was on an airplane above Normandy helping paratroopers jump behind enemy lines. He was honorably discharged September 29, 1945 and honored to be a part of the 2012 Hall County Hero Flight.

On September 11, 1946, Philip was united in marriage to Opal Lorraine Johns in O'Neill, NE. They made their home in Oregon and California before returning to farm in Boyd County Nebraska. Their final move was to Grand Island, NE July 1967 when he went to work at New Holland. After 17 years, he retired in 1984.

Philip's faith was the cornerstone of his life and he looked forward to being united with his wife, family and friends that preceded him. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Witty and quick with a retort, he enjoyed bantering with his morning coffee

group at the 2nd Street McDonalds. His family meant everything to him and his smile was the biggest when he was interacting with his grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Those left to cherish his memory include a son, Paul (Kay) Hammon and daughters, Susan (Lloyd) Rolo and Diane (Bob) Brewer, all of Grand Island; seven grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and three step great-great grandchildren; brothers, Donald Hammon of Parma, ID, and Duane (Mary) Hammon of Great Bend, KS; sister-in-law, Grace (Ed) Hammon of Ontario, OR, and numerous nieces, nephews and many great friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife in 2009; his parents and twelve brothers and sisters.

Memorials are suggested to Lutheran Bible Translators or Meals on Wheels.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
545 E. Memorial Drive
Grand Island, NE 68801

Tribute Wall



“ Philip E. Hammon

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“ Philip and his family lived north of us on the farm northeast of Spencer, NE. I remember Philip as a kind and gentle man who was very mechanically inclined. We watched the Beatles first performance on the Ed Sullivan show in their home. A awesome experience for teenagers of that era. A serious farming accident involving both Philip and my father probably bonded our families together more than anything else. They were both able to attend each other's 90th birthday parties. It was so good to see him again and catch up. God's special blessing be upon you during this time of sadness and grief. We know that we will see him again in heaven. From our family to yours.
Roger L. Johnson and family

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“ Joel, Kelly Jo, Mark, Kim, Trevor, and Madi Barnes purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Philip E. Hammon.



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