



Richard M. Hoffman

August 29, 1927 - April 26, 2026

Richard M. Hoffman, 98, of Grand Island, passed away on April 26, 2026, at CHI Health St. Francis.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 A.M. on Friday, May 1, 2026, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Father Robin Bashir will be the Celebrant. During his stay in the hospital, Richard said several times that he wanted to get to church one more time...this is that time.

Burial will take place at 2:00 P.M. at Parkview Cemetery in Hastings.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Richard was born on August 29, 1927, to John and Margaret (Diederick) Hoffman on a farm in Adams County near Prosser, Nebraska. He was the youngest of 12 children.

He enlisted and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After his time in the service, he returned to Doniphan, Nebraska and finished his senior year, graduating in 1947. He went on to be an electrician for most of his life but also worked for area farmers starting at the age of 11.

On May 14, 1949, he married his high school sweetheart, Mildred Voughn at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Doniphan, Nebraska. This love lasted for nearly 77 years of marriage. They were blessed with two sons and one daughter.

The family moved to Hastings in 1965 where they lived until 1995 when they moved to Grand Island. They enjoyed going to the Grand Generation Center for meals and volunteering for 24 years.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Mildred; sons, Rick (Toni) Hoffman of North Platte and John Hoffman of Grand Island; daughter, Catherine Shurtleff of Grand Island; 6 grandchildren and spouses; 13 great-grandchildren and two step great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 11 siblings; daughter-in-law, Connie; son-in-law, John Shurtleff; great-granddaughter, MaKenna Walters; and a step-great-great granddaughter, Rynleigh.

Memorials are suggested to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church or to the Knights of Columbus.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

A Rosary will be recited at 9:30 AM at the Church. Burial will take place at 2 PM in Parkview Cemetery in Hastings.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Hoffman was such a good man with the biggest heart I have ever known. When I converted to Catholicism, I asked him and his wife to be my sponsors. One of the best choices I ever made. He lived a good life and always showed love and compassion for everyone. Godspeed to you Mr. Hoffman and my deepest condolences to his family!*

Cyndi Miller - May 05 at 04:49 PM

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“ The last time I saw my grandfather, I got to pray a rosary with him and heard some stories about my family and who he aspired to be. One of the number one things he said was that he wanted to love all those he could and most of all he prayed for anyone and everyone. When him and my grandma were young in their life together, he made her a giant rosary out of walnuts that he found and he had their priest bless it and it hung in their room for ever. He told me about how he would get so excited carving it because it meant that he was praying for my grandma, he was having a conversation with our Blessed Mother and that he just learned how to have peace.

After I converted last year, I remember the day I decided I was going to, my grandparents were the very first people I told and man you'd have thought that they won the lottery or something. After reminiscing about that moment, and thinking back on my conversion, I wonder how long my grandparents prayed for that to happen. I guess I'll never know but man it feels so good that my grandfather just seemed to know. My grandpa was the man who always looked at something and asked himself how he could bring Christ into it

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Anissa (great-granddaughter) - April 30 at 03:14 PM

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“ I had so much fun working with Dick at the old downtown Big G in Hastings. I was just a young whipper-snapper and learned so much from Dick. I'm so grateful for Dick & Midge's friendship. You will be missed my friend. Until we meet again.

Linda Dill - April 29 at 10:26 PM

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“ *Linda J. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Richard M. Hoffman.*



Linda J. - April 29 at 03:23 PM