



## Robert Bruce McClurkin

May 4, 1921 - June 11, 2014

Robert B. (Bob) McClurkin, 93, of Grand Island died Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at Grand Island Veterans' Home.

Memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church. Rev. Jack Gillam will officiate. Burial of ashes will be at Cameron Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Army and the Shelton Legion.

Gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Bob was born May 4, 1921 in a farmhouse north of Shelton, the son of Samuel and Vera (Likes) McClurkin.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Ruth; four daughters, Barbara Lucas of Kearney, Christine Scott (Earl Fosler) of Milford, Marilyn (Rick) Roenfeldt of Ashburn, Virginia and Lisa McClurkin Vargason (Larry Hoins) of Crete and son, Steven (Terri) McClurkin of Grand Island.

Those also left to cherish his memory include eight grandsons, Geoffrey (Kayla) Roenfeldt of Kearny, Trevor Vargason of Lincoln, Trenton (Whitney) Vargason of Lincoln, Jorma Lucas of Kansas City, Skye Lucas of Kearney, Daniel (Amber) Scott of Kearney, David Scott of Lincoln and Jesse Runge of Grand Island; ten great grandchildren, Jordane of Sutton, Stephen of Kansas City, Veah of Kearney, Heidi and Holly of Kearney, Branden and Mya of Lincoln, Ashton and Macy of Kearney and Tucker of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Sam Jr.; two sisters,

Eleanor and Lavon; and an infant daughter, Marlena Louise.

Bob grew up on the family farm north of Shelton. He attended Shelton high School and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, graduating from college in 1943. He entered the United States Army in 1943, and was honorably discharged in 1946, serving in the 3rd Army under General Patton, assigned to the 758th Field Artillery. His unit engaged the enemy at the Huertgen Forest in the drive to rescue the brave soldiers at Bastogne and met the Russian Army of the Elbe River. Promoted to Captain on April 1, 1945, he was in charge of the train station at Frankfurt under the Marshall Plan in 1946.

Robert was united in marriage to Ruth Elaine McDaniel on June 25, 1950. From this union there were six children, five daughters and a son. The couple farmed north of Shelton through 1979, before moving to Grand Island. Bob was employed at the Lutheran Hospital, where he kept the power on during the June 3, 1980 tornado disaster and later worked at Trinity Lutheran School. Robert enjoyed reading, westerns, especially 'Louis L'Amour', fishing and being outdoors. However, he delighted in his beloved wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran School.

# Cemetery Details

## Cameron Cemetery

Cameron, NE

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 13. 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 Gathering

JUN 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Grand Island, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Bruce McClurkin*

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October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Dear Ruth, Steve, Jo & Leon, and all of Bob's family,*

*I was saddened to hear of Bob's passing. I would've liked to have attended his funeral, but was unable to do so due to pastoral duties at my church in Central City that I couldn't change.*

*I had the pleasure of visiting Bob regularly and sharing not only many conversations with him, but the Word of God and Body and Blood of Christ. We enjoyed many things in common and I loved to hear his stories of his history. It didn't hurt that we were both FarmHouse Fraternity brothers (separated only by age) either.*

*I will miss his stories and spunky attitude even in the face of his health difficulties. He will be a lasting memory for me during my earthly ministry, and I look forward to longer visits with Bob in the resurrection on account of Christ.*

*Peace in Christ to you all (John 11:25),*

*Rev. Kevin McReynolds*

*Pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Central City, NE*

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**Rev. Kevin McReynolds** - June 15, 2014 at 12:54 PM

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“ *Dear Ruth, so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I enjoyed seeing him regularly at the Vets Home while I was employed there. I wish you the best and will keep you in our prayers at this difficult time.*  
*Sincerely Rich Bohrer.*

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