



Roger Merlin Happold

September 10, 1940 - December 27, 2023

Roger Merlin Happold, age 83, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at the Good Samaritan Village surrounded by his loving family.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, December 30, 2023 at 10:30am at GI Evangelical Free Church, 2609 S. Blaine St. Pastor Donald Adams officiating. Interment will follow the luncheon at the Doniphan Cedar View Cemetery. A Visitation will be held Friday, December 29, 2023 from 5-7pm at the church. Memorials suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences can be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Roger Merlin Happold was born on September 10, 1940, in Grand Island, NE the son of Merlin A. and Mildred (Torgerson) Happold of Doniphan. Roger grew-up on the family farm and attended grade school at district 47 in Hall County thru 7th grade and then attended Giltner High School graduating in 1958. Roger attended UNL where he received an Agronomy Degree.

He was united in marriage to Shirley Shike on July 1, 1961. Together, they had 3 children: Douglas, Lori, and Lisa Happold. In 1962, he began farming with his father and later with his son until his retirement in 2004. He also sold seed corn for Pioneer Hi-Bred for 45 years. After his retirement, he worked at Lewis Greenscape and drove trucks for neighbors during harvest time.

Roger had a servant heart and served in many different capacities. He served on the Giltner School Board, the Giltner Alumni Association, and was a board

member of Prairie Winds Assisted Living in Doniphan. In addition, he was a member of the Lion's Club in Giltner. He was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran church for many years, serving on the church council, as a greeter, an usher, and a communion deacon. Later, he became an active member of Grand Island Evangelical Free church.

Roger was a faithful supporter of his children and grandchildren in their extracurricular activities. He enjoyed camping with his family at Bush Island and loved to take his kids and grandkids to Husker football games. He dearly loved his children and grandchildren. He always had time for a cuddle or a wrestling match with the little ones.

Survivors include wife, Shirley (Shike) Happold; sister, Joyce (Gwyer) Grimminger of Grand Island; son, Doug (Colleen) Happold of Doniphan; daughters, Lori Williams (Craig) of Seward, and Lisa Happold of Grand Island; 6 grandchildren, Jeremy, Shannon, Taylor, Kayla, Allyn, and Jenna, and 17 great grandkids; brothers-in-law, Terry (Janie) Shike of Salem, Oregon and Robert (Peggy) Shike of Salem, Oregon.

Preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Marvelle, and brother-in-law, Jerry Sims.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

GI Free Church
2609 S Blaine St
Grand Island, NE 68801-7310
(308) 382-1898

Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Deepest condolences to all the family! You are in my thoughts and prayers!*

Sherry Huffman - December 29, 2023 at 11:51 AM

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“ *My fondest memories of Roger are when I would officiate volleyball at Giltner. Sometimes my partner and I would walk into the gym and there was Roger with a huge smile behind the score table. Other times he was flying in just in time to handle the game duties. Such a dedicated man! He left his farming(usually harvesting at that time of the year) to help the school. Always enjoyed a laugh with him. He will be missed by many.*

Linda Dill - December 28, 2023 at 10:10 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Roger's passing. I have many fond memories of Roger in our High School graduation class. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers,
.Sharon Williams Schmidt*

sharon - December 27, 2023 at 08:39 PM

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“ *DT Board of Education and Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Merlin Happold.*

DT Board of Education and Staff - December 27, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Roger Merlin Happold.



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