



Ruben E. Meier

March 7, 1931 - May 2, 2024

Ruben E. Meier, age 93, of Grand Island, went home to be with his Lord on May 2, 2024.

A private family burial will be held at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery .Celebration of life and fellowship will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024 . Memorials suggested to the Trinity Lutheran School. Condolences may be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Ruben was born March 7, 1931, on the family farm to William and Helen (Wiese) Meier. He was baptized, confirmed, and attended grade school at Trinity Lutheran School. After attending Grand Island Senior High, he was united in marriage to his sweetheart, Joyce Block on July 15, 1951. To this union four children were born and raised on the family dairy farm north of Grand Island.

Ruben was a lifetime dairy farmer and Holstein breeder. He began his love of Holstein cows at an early age, helping his dad, brother and sisters milk their cows by hand. In 1948, he built on of the first parlor type milking systems, making this task much easier. He enjoyed showing Holstein cattle throughout his life, starting in 4-H at county fairs, the Nebraska State Fair, and Ak-Sar-Ben. He later brought a number of show cows to the District Holstein and State Holstein shows, creating the legacy of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as cattle showmen/women.

He was a lifetime member of the State and National Holstein Associations and served for many years as Nebraska's delegate representative to the National

Holstein Convention, as well as lifetime member of the Nebraska State Dairymen Association, serving as Chairman for many years. He also served as Director and Corporate Director for Mid-American Dairy Co-op Association. As farm life kept him busy, he thoroughly enjoyed the rare opportunities he did get to fly, being picked up at the local airport by the corporate airplane.

Ruben's faith and family were of utmost importance, along with his cows and farm. Ruben also served on numerous church and school boards and committees throughout his life. He could always be found with a smile, a tune to whistle, a keen sense of humor, and a sunny outlook on life. He enjoyed the simple pleasures in life: a good game of cards, a drive to look at the crops or the cows, and time with family and friends.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his children, Debbie (Rich) Bringewatt of Elkhorn, Cyndi (Steve) King of Kearney, Valorie (Dave) Burke of Brady, and Randy (Julie) Meier of Grand Island; seven grandchildren, Angela (Mark) Burke, Justin Burke, Stephanie King, Rachel Bringewatt, Matt (Valorie) Bringewatt, Joshua (Kelsey) Meier, and Jordan Meier; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Joyce, and his second wife, Ardee; his parents, brother and sisters and one great-grandson.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
212 W 12th St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 382-0753

Tribute Wall

RD

“ Randy, Julie & Family. I'm sorry to read about your Father's passing. I worked with Ruben for a very long time. RIP Ruben

Ron Dahlke
Work

Ron Dahlke - May 08, 2024 at 10:02 PM

VB

“ Valorie Burke lit a candle in memory of Ruben Meier



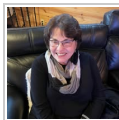
Valorie Burke - May 08, 2024 at 10:20 AM

VB

“ You were the best, Dad! Your words, “Take it as it comes.” will be with us forever. Well done, good and faithful servant.



Valorie Burke - May 07, 2024 at 11:25 PM



Amen.

Debbie Bringewatt - May 10, 2024 at 12:05 PM

PS

“ *Ruben has been a man i looked up as my uncle/step dad my whole life i will miss you Ruben*



pam sobotka - May 07, 2024 at 10:09 PM

ER

“ *What a great man he was!! ALWAYS had a smile and something sweet to say. I will miss him.*

Erica - May 06, 2024 at 05:37 PM

JK

“ *I've known Reuben all my life. As a child it was always an honor to see rue in as he was always so kind to me. As an adult I remember talking to him and receiving many words of wisdom. He never had a cross word to say about anyone. He was a faithful man and let god lead the way. I shall miss him very much. He was a true example to me on how I lead my life. The perpetual light of god is upon you Reuben. May you rest in peace*

jeff and alice kinnison - May 05, 2024 at 11:09 AM

BS

“ I am so glad that I got to know Ruben while he lived at Heritage at Sagewood. He was a happy and kind man who always had a smile and twinkle in his eyes. I loved listening to his stories about his dairy farm and how he milked those cows every day at 5:00 in the morning and evening. Ruben had a great sense of humor and had many friends at Heritage. I will miss hearing him whistle during entertainment on Fridays. My thoughts and condolences go out to his family whom he was so proud of and talked about all the time. Rest in peace Ruben.

Bonnie Stoppkotte

Bonnie Stoppkotte - May 04, 2024 at 08:42 AM

JW

Sorry to hear about Dad death! He will be missed. Always enjoy your parents. please message or send me some info. My # 402-363-9784 . Now in Heaven wearing His " Crown of Eternal Life". Prayers, love and hugs. Justine Wiemer

Justine Wiemer - May 07, 2024 at 07:53 PM

VB

*Thank you for bringing Dad lunch on the day he returned to Heritage. That was very kind of you!
Valorie*

Valorie Burke - May 07, 2024 at 11:18 PM

AB

“ My heart is breaking for you, Grandpa! You are one of the most special people in my life and you can't be replaced. All my love and my whole heart I send you now. God bless you. May your memory be eternal. -Angie



Angie Burke - May 03, 2024 at 09:58 PM



Love you, Angie!!!

Debbie Bringewatt - May 09, 2024 at 05:44 PM