



Victor "Vic" V. Hoffer

March 22, 1927 - April 21, 2023

Victor Van Hoffer of Grand Island passed away at his home with his family close by his side on Friday, April 21st at the age of 96.

Vic was born on March 22, 1927 to Van James and Viola (Wilcox) Hoffer near Clarks, Nebraska. Vic grew up on a farm south of Clarks and attended Old District 60 and Clarks Public School through the eighth grade. At the age of 95, he could still recite the preamble to the Constitution, due to some chalkboard discipline by a strict Clarks Public School teacher after he had mistreated a school house door. With the untimely death of his mother, Viola at age 39, he went to work as a farm hand a few years later. Vic had many stories about farming with horses and picking corn by hand, which he was very good at. "A lot of good that did me," he used to quip. Vic worked for his uncle, friends, and family until he met and married Nona Lavonne Church of Silver Creek. They were married on Christmas Eve 1949 in the Parsonage in Silver Creek. The couple lived in Silver Creek, Clarks and Central City. Dad did a stint with the Union Pacific Railroad and the Finn Sheep Ranch. He and Nona worked together at the Central City Cold Storage Plant. He had many chicken stories and still remembered all the employees who were there while he and Nona were pulling down. 92 cents an hour.

Vic and Nona had two sons, Allen in 1955 and Mike in 1957. The little family lived on two different Prairie Island farms less than a mile apart when the boys were growing up. Vic raised cattle, hogs, and a host of other farm animals. They milked cows and put-up tons of prairie hay as well.

They moved off the farm into Clarks while Vic custom bailed hay for a living. Later he and Nona moved to Hordville, where he worked at the Coop Elevator till his retirement in 1989. Vic took an interest in buying and selling antiques for many years till failing eyesight made that impossible. The couple's final move brought them to Grand Island where Vic adjusted to "City Life" by making friends and hunting out many garage sales and auctions.

He was a library and museum wrapped up in one, who prided himself by remembering old friends and family histories. Dad had a wealth of funny sayings and comical stories. He loved animals and birds, dotting on his pets and visitors to his backyard bird feeders.

Those left behind to cherish the memories of a life well lived include his wife, Nona; sons, Allen (Linda) Hoffer of Grand Island and Mike (Mari) Hoffer of Clarks; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Silas and Carl and two sisters, Jessie and Lola.

Services will be held Friday, May 19, 2023 at 11 a.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Interment will be held at a later date at the Bureau Cemetery in Pierce Chapel.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Memorials can be sent to the family for designations to the Grand Island Senior Center which was their Café and social hub for many years

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

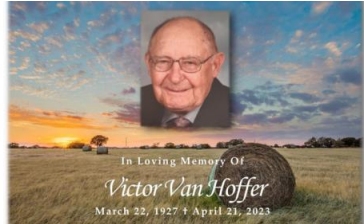
MAY **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Victor "Vic" V. Hoffer



All Faiths Funeral Home - May 19, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ Victor "Vic" V. Hoffer

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Andy & Connie Bowman & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Victor "Vic" V. Hoffer.

Andy & Connie Bowman & Family - July 24, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ My parents, Freddy and Idona Swedenburg and Vic and Nona were lifelong friends in Clarks. I remember Vic's kindness and humor. Thank God for the memories that we have to fill our hearts after they leave us. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Cindy(Swedenburg)Medinger

Cindy(Swedenburg)Medinger - April 26, 2023 at 10:41 AM

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“ It's Pretty Amazing To Get To Be Almost 70 Years Old And Have A Great Aunt And Uncle Who Are Still Alive And That You Can Go See - In Their Own Home! - And Still Talk To Them - Hearing Stories That Go Back 90 Years About People You've Only Ever Seen Pictures Of And Heard Stories About - A Real Life Connection To A Past That Has Been Long Gone... It's The Next Thing To Actually Being There. Vic Hoffer Was Married To One Of My Grandpa Church's Little Sisters - Nona. Grandpa Church Was Born In 1910 - Nona Was Second To The Youngest In That Family And Was Actually 6 Months Younger Than My Mom - Shirley Ann Church - Her Niece - They Grew Up Girls Playing Together; My Mom's Aunt Has Outlived Her. Vic Hoffer Had A Very Special Way Of Tellin A Story - A Certain Look; A Little KidLike Giggle - KindaLike, Well, Ya Can Believe Me If You Want To - But i Was There And Saw It With My Own Eyes - Vic Hoffer Saw And Remembered Alot In His Lifetime And Joyfully Shared It With Others - i Was One Of Those He Blessed With His Happy Outlook On The Past.

T. E. Kelly. Wednesday, April 26th, 2023. Thanks Vic.

IN LOVING MEMORY 🙏

T. E. Kelly - April 26, 2023 at 10:30 AM

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Very few possessed the combination of wit and wisdom that was Victor Van. Our parents were friends back to those stories of work at the CC Cold Storage, actually more like extended family --sharing several holidays. The house and meal had to be Mom's best when the Hoffers were coming!

When we moved into the Shonsey house in Clarks, they were there to help and Vic gave Mom a hard time about having enough stuff to fill up that big house.

When Dale bought our first trailer house in GI, it was Vic who pulled it to Clarks with his "big" tractor. Dale has so many fond memories of summers spent staying with you all. And, it has to be where he and I first knew who each other was.

I loved swapping old Clarks info with Vic, especially since he treated me like I knew what I was talking about, but reality was eager to hear his version.

Thanks, Hoffer Family, for having shared your husband, dad and grandpa. Hugs and prayers.

Barbara A Church - April 26, 2023 at 09:49 PM