



The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him.
Forever in the next. Amen

~Reinhold Niebuhr

IN
Loving
MEMORY

*God looked around His garden
And he found an empty place
And then He looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.*

*He put His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest,
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain,
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again...*

*He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
And so He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered, "Peace be thine"*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

~ Anonymous

Memorial Service

Elim Lutheran Church
Marquette, Kansas

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 10:30 AM

Officiating Clergy

Rev. Amy Kay Pavlovich

Special Music

Duet: "Our God, He Is Alive"

Dallas & Sirena Nikkel, vocalists

Congregational Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord"

Jackie Larson, pianist/organist

Final Resting Place

Marquette Cemetery

Memorial Donations

Memorial donations can be made to Smoky Valley Saddle Club or Marquette EMS in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Appreciation & Luncheon

Lawrence's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all your prayers and kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your presence at this service.

Following the memorial service, the family invites all to stay for food & fellowship.

Stockham Family Funeral Home



In Loving Memory Lawrence W. Spohn

February 19, 1941 - December 10, 2024





Celebrating
A LIFE

Memories

Lawrence Wayne Spohn, 83, of Marquette, KS, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, surrounded by family at Salina Regional Health Center, Salina, KS.

He was born on February 19, 1941, in McPherson, KS, the son of Leo Ray and Helen LaMae (Anderson) Spohn. Lawrence graduated from Windom High School in 1959. On April 15, 1962, he was united in marriage to Sandra Kay Johnson at the Andover Lutheran Church, Windom. This union was blessed with three children, Tina, Jerry, and Tom.

Lawrence worked at the Marquette Grain Elevator (ADM) for over 42 years. He was a member and Past President of the Smoky Valley Saddle Club, Board Member and Past President for DS&O Rural Electric, and Past President of the Marquette Senior Center Board.

Those who knew Lawrence will remember him for his contagious smile and laughter, his exceptional work ethic, and his consistent kindness towards everyone he met. He was the eldest of five brothers, commonly known as Leo and his five sons. Many cherished memories were created while growing up on the Heinz Ranch near Windom. They frequently

recounted stories of tough times, including having to walk the long driveway to the school bus in a foot of snow, uphill both ways. On the football field, Lawrence earned the nickname "Biggins" due to his size, as he was consistently the largest player on the field. He looked back fondly on his time with the Windom Tigers football team, particularly his participation in the State of Kansas inaugural 8-man football game against Kanopolis. He valued the friendships he formed with his teammates.

Lawrence was a devoted and loving husband to Sandra for 62 years. He instilled his strong work ethic and dedication in his children, often enlisting their help with various odd jobs he would take on. He made sure that there was always food on the table for his family. He played an active role in the lives of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, making it a point to attend as many of their events as he could. Whether in the football stands, t-ball bleachers, auditorium seats, or birthday parties, he was always present...and EARLY! Even when the coach's voice was drowned out, you could always hear him cheering from the stands in his trademark suspenders, yelling "Let's go gang!", a sure sign that he was there to support you. At the start of each month, Lawrence made it a point to review the calendar for upcoming birthdays and anniversaries. Armed with his list, he went to the store to buy cards for each occasion. Every card was delivered on time to its intended recipient, often accompanied by "a little walk-around money." Family gatherings consistently featured at least one intensely competitive game of 5-point Pitch. Lawrence usually took on the role of scorekeeper and somehow always came out on top. You could always rely on him to have Doublemint gum. If it wasn't in his shirt pocket, the grandkids knew exactly which drawer to look in.

Honor Loving Memory

Lawrence was passionate about rodeo and livestock. As one of the founding members of the Smoky Valley Saddle Club, he took pride in building the arena, taking care of the grounds, and handling various maintenance tasks. At each rodeo event, he would often work the contestant gate, greeting each contestant and never knowing a stranger. He loved taking trips to the sandhills pasture, where he would always take time to stop to pick sandhill plums and teach his grandkids about "buffalo corrals" and the cowboy way of life. In his free time, Lawrence enjoyed watching rodeos or westerns on television. He always kept the latest issue of Rodeo News next to his chair, and visitors could expect to hear the latest rodeo news or interesting statistics whenever they stopped by.

Survivors include his loving wife of over 62 years, Sandra of the home; children, Tina (Chris) Dauer of Falun, KS, Jerry (Marilyn) Spohn of Marquette, KS, and Tom (Virginia) Spohn of Marquette, KS; four brothers, Ross (Effie) Spohn of Westmoreland, KS, Cary (Pauline) Spohn of Newton, KS, Raymond (Leslie) Spohn of South Daytona, FL, and Doyle (Pat) Spohn of Holton, KS; six grandchildren, Sarah (Chris) Lohrey, Logan (Emily) Spohn, Jodi (Jonathan) Reazin, Josh (Britta) Dauer, Lori (Gabe) Dierksen, and Quaid (Tyann) Spohn; 13 great-grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.