

Robert (Bob) Francis Walnofer was born on February 8, 1928 at home near Emmet, NE to Alvin and Laura (Steskal) Walnofer. The family moved to Newman Grove, NE, then north of Orchard, NE. He attended school through 8th grade and afterwards chose to stay home to work with his Dad. One of his favorite stories to tell was describing how much corn he could pick by hand in one day. Bob married Bernadine Thramer on November 26, 1949 at St. John's Catholic Church south of Ewing, NE. To this union 11 children were born during nearly 70 years of marriage.

Bob and Bernadine made their home on a farm northeast of Ewing for 33 years. In 1982, they moved to the ranch near Chambers, NE. Several years later they moved into Chambers. Their final move was in 2000 to a newly built home in O'Neill. Later in life, the couple enjoyed spending winters in Florence, AZ. They were members of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Ewing and St. Patrick's Catholic Church in O'Neill.

Bob grew up farming and continued after marriage. He raised corn, soybeans, and hay along with using pipe irrigation. Also, raised livestock and milked cows throughout the years. He did custom farm work for neighbors in the area and worked at the Ewing and O'Neill sale barns. He left farming to become a rancher and loved that lifestyle.

Bob was an inspiration for the building of the Country Lane Retirement Village in O'Neill. His generous donation helped that vision come to fruition. He entered County Lane in 2019 as a resident in an Independent Cottage, then moved to Assistant Living, and finally to the Memory Care unit. During those years he enjoyed going for car rides with his kids around the countryside. When passing farmsteads, he had the sharpest memory of knowing who lived there or who previously owned the land. Bob was also a dedicated caregiver for Bernadine at home when she developed Alzheimer's. Later she resided at the Atkinson Nursing Home and Country Lane for almost eight years. He was a consistent visitor by her side to ensure her well-being.

Bob is survived by his children: Terry (Debbie) Walnofer of Charleston, AR, Carmen (Bill) Richmond of Grant, NE, Tom Walnofer of Ewing, NE, Steve (Rae) Walnofer of Jasper, MO, Nancy (Vince) Price of Lincoln, NE, Kathy (Gregg) Bartak of Ewing, NE, Jill (Randy) Switzer of Ewing, NE, Ted (Karla) Walnofer of Tea, SD, Al (Brenda) Walnofer of Chambers, NE, Rod (Kelly) Walnofer of Van Alstyne, TX. Son-in-law Mark (Connie) Anderson of Mami, OK. 32 grandchildren and 54 great-grandchildren. Siblings: Marilyn (Emil) Cattau of Norfolk, NE, Jim (Barbara) Walnofer of Orchard, NE, Vernon (Janet) Walnofer of San Bernardino, CA. Sister-in-law Yvonne Thramer of Ewing, NE.

He was preceded by death by wife Bernadine in 2019, daughter Paulette Anderson in 2021, and sisters and their spouses, Viola (Ferdy) Hupp and Joan (Mark) Thramer.

Celebrating the life . . .



Robert "Bob" Walnofer



From the book of Ecclesiastes:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.”

Close the Gate

For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.
Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.
You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done.
A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way,
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day.
Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time.
You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.
Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.
Author: Nancy Kraayenhof

We deeply appreciate the tribute accorded to our loved one by your presence here today. We would be pleased if you would join us for lunch and fellowship following the committal service at St. John's Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.
~ Bob's family

In Memory of
Robert Francis Walnofer
O'Neill, Nebraska

Date of Birth

February 8, 1928
Emmett, Nebraska

Date of Death

November 22, 2023
O'Neill, Nebraska

Celebration of Life

10:30 a.m. Monday November 27, 2023
St. Peter's Catholic Church ~ Ewing, Nebraska
Father John Norman ~ Officiating
Josh Mlnarik ~ Music

Pallbearers

Scott Walnofer Ryan Richmond Eric Walnofer Brent Price
Paul Bartak Trevor Switzer Conner Anderson
Nathan Walnofer Ben Walnofer Logan Walnofer

Honorary Pallbearers

Grandsons and Granddaughters

Interment

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery
rural Clearwater, Nebraska

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