



Merlyn C. Stadler

May 14, 1932 - July 5, 2019

Merlyn C. Stadler, 87, of Axtell, NE passed away on Friday, July 5, 2019 at Bethany Home in Minden. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2019 at the Minden Evangelical Free Church with the Rev. Tom Barnes officiating. Interment will be held following services at the Minden Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at the Craig Funeral Home in Minden. Memorials in Merlyn's honor are kindly suggested to the Minden Evangelical Free Church or to the Kearney County Historical Society. Craig Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Merlyn was born on May 14, 1932 in Minden, to Neleigh and Alveda (Rodine) Stadler. He grew up in rural Kearney County and received his education from Minden High School. Merlyn entered the United States Army on November 5, 1952 and served state-side during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged after rising to the rank of Sargent on November 4, 1954. Merlyn was united in marriage to Caroline Keister on March 28, 1953 at Bethel Union Church in Heartwell. The couple lived in Tacoma, Washington while Merlyn was in the Army. They returned to the family farm in 1954 where he worked with his brother Leon until retiring in 1989.

Merlyn was a member of the Keene Evangelical Free Church, where he served as Sunday School Treasurer and Deacon. He later became a member of the Minden Evangelical Free Church where he served on the church board, and as a Deacon, Head Usher and Head Greeter. He also served the Midwest District of Evangelical Free Churches on the finance and church development boards.

Other volunteer activities included: the Keene Elevator Board, Christian Homes Care Community Board, Kearney County Historical Society and Museum Board, and Minden Main Street Board, where Merlyn was involved with the 100th Anniversary of the Kearney County Courthouse, the Fountain of Memories, the Minden Opera House restoration, and cemetery tours. Merlyn was also a member of the Minden Rotary Club and enjoyed volunteering at Pioneer Village.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters Sylvia Asay and her husband Ted of Kearney, NE, Sheila Carlson of Denver, CO, and Cindy Renteria and husband Greg of Axtell, NE; six grandchildren, Aaron, Alex, and Austin Asay, Samantha Carlson, and Croix and Aubrie Renteria and their spouses; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Leon Stadler

and his wife Val Jean of Minden, NE; as well as a host of extended relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and one sister. Tributes of memory can be shared with the family at www.craigfunerals.com.

Cemetery

Events

Minden Cemetery

NE,

JUL Visitation 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Craig Funeral Home

336 N. Nebraska Ave, Minden, NE, US

JUL Service 02:00PM

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Minden Evangelical Free Church

Minden, NE, US

Comments



“ Dear Sylvia, Sheila & Cindy and your wonderful Families:

As everyone knew him, your father Merlyn was an upstanding individual and devout Christian — Merlyn was the kind of person that the GOD admires -- he was loving and friendly to everyone he met -- obedient and faithful to the LORD! Merlyn and Carolyn always had a long prayer list of individuals re family, friends, church members and missionaries and they prayed earnestly each day!

I wrote to Merlyn several months ago to encourage him and tell him that I was proud to have once been his son-in-law :-)

In CHRIST Jesus
Bill Carlson

Bill Carlson - July 13 at 11:00 PM



“ Dear Sylvia, Sheila, and Cindy,

We are unable to attend the services, but I wanted you to know you girls are in my thoughts and prayers. Maurice and I were the "electricity" and "Hub" neighbors...many phone calls between our homes asking each other, "do you have electricity?" or "was your Hub delivered today?" We always enjoyed visiting with your Dad when we saw him out and about.

Illness also kept us from attending your mother's service. I had the privilege of being in an extension club with her for several years and always enjoyed her opinions and her special laugh. In fact, I can hear her laugh in my memory and I imagine it as she welcomed your Dad to heaven. They were such a sweet couple.

Much love to each of you. Always stay close to each other...you are the only ones who share the same memories of growing up.

Fondly,
Maurice & Roberta Knutson

Roberta Knutson - July 12 at 09:55 AM



“ Toni Ward purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Merlyn C. Stadler.



Toni Ward - July 11 at 05:23 PM



“ We are sorry to hear of your father's passing and wanted to let you know our thoughts are with you. Your father touched many lives and will be remembered with warmth and affection. May you have a sense of peace and comfort knowing that your Dad and Mom are once again together in their eternal life.
Terry and Peggy Reineke (Ernst)

peggy - July 11 at 10:54 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merlyn C. Stadler.



July 10 at 03:37 PM