



## David John Maser

October 18, 1941 - November 27, 2017

Sutton resident, David John Maser, 76, passed away Monday, November 27, 2017, at Bryan West Medical Center in Lincoln, NE after a series of medical complications.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 2, 2017, at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Joe Vusich officiating. Private family interment will follow at the Sutton Cemetery. Visitation with the family present will be Friday, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Emmanuel Reformed Church, the Sutton Community Home or to the Sutton Education Foundation.

David is survived by his wife of 49 years, Harriet; his two children and their spouses, Matthew (Kristen) Maser of Grand Island and Sarah (Robert) Mooney of Omaha; five grandchildren, Katherine Maser, Carolyn Maser, William Maser, Finn Mooney, and Piper Mooney. He is also survived by his sister Barbara (Bill) Helwig, his niece Ann (Joe) Maass, and sisters and brothers-in-law Nancy Obermeyer, Gail and Chris Fischer, and Ike and Dorothy Anderson. Numerous nieces and nephews are also left to cherish his memory.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Helen Maser.

David was born to Walter and Helen (Ochsner) Maser in Aurora, Illinois on October 18, 1941. David spent his early life in Illinois, before moving to Sutton in 1945. David graduated from Sutton High School in 1958. During his time at Sutton High School, David participated in both Basketball and Football, and he excelled academically, graduating high school at the age of 16. David pursued his higher education at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1961 where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. In 1964, David obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Nebraska - College of Law. Following graduation, David was a member of the Air National Guard, and he returned to Sutton to practice law with John Bottorf. David has practiced with Bottorf & Maser for over fifty years. Early in his legal career, David served as Clay County Attorney from 1971 to 1974.

During his career as an attorney with Bottorf & Maser, David thrived on helping members of the communities in and around Sutton and Henderson, Nebraska in planning for their futures by preparing Wills, Trusts, and Estates. David was a consummate counselor and advisor to all in need. David loved the Sutton area he called home, and gave freely of his time, talent and energy to support and grow the community. He thoroughly enjoyed attending and supporting the local sports teams and events, and was always prominently heard rooting for the Fillies and Mustangs. He served on the Sutton School Board, as well as the Boards of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, the Sutton Historical Society and the Sutton Community Foundation.

David was also proud of his lifelong participation in agriculture. He was actively involved in the farming business, overseeing several Nebraska

farming operations, including his family farm which has been in the Maser family for over 100 years.

David has been a lifelong member of Emmanuel Reformed Church. He was baptized in the Church and served several terms on the Spiritual Council as an Elder. David truly loved the congregation and its fellowship in Christ.

David was an avid sports fan. He loved both the Husker Football and Basketball teams and until his recent health issue, had not missed a Husker Football game in more than 30 years. David also loved the Chicago Cubs baseball team and cherished the World Series Championship they finally won in 2016.

David was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He cherished spending time with his family and truly enjoyed watching all types of events in which his grandchildren participated. He also cherished fishing trips he would take with his grandchildren, son and son-in-law, and his brothers-in-law. David and Harriet were partners in all things and truly embodied the definition of a loving marriage. David was also a mentor to his children, Matt and Sarah, as they both followed in his footsteps by entering the legal profession.

To all those whose lives David touched, he left an indelible mark. He will be greatly missed.

# Tribute Wall

GG

“ Dave was a tremendous friend and gentleman. I'll never forget when I was just a young sprout and biked the mile and a half or so over to his mom's house for piano lessons. The highlight of this endeavor was getting to play catch with the baseball or football after successfully completing a piano practice. I think his mom Helen made him be nice to me so I'd actually practice the piano and come to lessons. Whatever. Dave made every day you saw him better and you were automatically wiser after engaging him in conversation. God Speed Dave...garth gemar

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**Garth Gemar** - February 11, 2018 at 10:24 PM

JS

“ David was a special person who gave of himself freely and was loved by all who knew him. He was kind, generous, and a blessing to his family, friends, and associates. Sending strength and love to Harriet and David's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Jim and Nancy Schauerte** - December 11, 2017 at 06:17 PM

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**Jim and Nancy Schauerte** - December 07, 2017 at 09:32 AM

RW

“ *I was so sorry to hear of your loss.  
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Prayers and Blessings to all of you.*

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**Rose Griess Spokane, Washington** - December 01, 2017 at 07:58 PM

CG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Maser family.*

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**Chris & Lisa Griess** - December 01, 2017 at 10:29 AM

RG

“ *We want to offer our sincere sympathy and to let you know, he will  
be greatly missed. He was very wonderful in his practice and in the  
public, as well.*

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**Robert and Marla Galusha** - December 01, 2017 at 08:24 AM

DF

“ David was a loving, gentle man. We were honored to call him our friend. Praying God will bring His comfort, peace and strength to Harriet and the entire family.

De and Robert French - November 30, 2017 at 04:54 PM

RG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with David's family. He will be missed sorely by those who knew and loved him.

Ros and Warren Glimpse - November 30, 2017 at 01:13 PM

ST

“ Dave and Harriet have been avid supporters of our school sports activities, traveling near and far to support Katie and her friends. We all became friends with him. He was a great man and will be missed. Hug and prayers to Harriet and the family!

Susan, Jim, Courtney, and Collin Toner - November 30, 2017 at 08:27 AM

AB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with David's family. He will be missed sorely by those who knew and loved him.

AB & Jim Bohannon - November 29, 2017 at 07:19 PM

EM

“ Dave was a blessing to our family. Going to miss his smile and hugs. Lots of love to you Aunt Harriet.

Erin Mankins - November 29, 2017 at 05:25 PM

MJ

“ *Our deepest thoughts and prayers! Dave was a Special guy that will truly be missed!*

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**Mike and Virginia Johnson** - November 29, 2017 at 02:06 PM

KL

“ *To Harriet and family - sending you love and strength.*

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**Kaye Light** - November 29, 2017 at 12:22 PM

BH

“ *I will miss Dave greatly.....we shared many memories together. He was my big brother and I knew I could always count on him. It is a comfort to know he is in heaven with Mom , Dad and many of his friends. This is not goodbye....I expect to see you again.*

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**Barbara Maser Helwig** - November 29, 2017 at 09:12 AM

LS

“ *You have our sincere sympathy. Dave was well known throughout the community for all of his contributions and service. He was a friend to all and will be missed. He was an avid sports supporter and was amazing to listen to. His knowledge was incredible as was his kindness to those who knew him.*

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**Laurie and Barry Sheridan** - November 29, 2017 at 08:07 AM