



Ernest "Ernie" L Snell, 89

March 30, 1935 - October 14, 2024

Sutton resident Ernest "Ernie" L. Snell, 89, passed away Monday, October 14, 2024, at the Sutton Community Home in Sutton, NE.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2024, at the Federated Church in Sutton with Pastor Edison Toe officiating. Interment will follow at the Saron Lutheran Cemetery near Saronville, NE. Visitation will be Thursday, from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., with the family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

Ernest Leland Snell was born to Charles and Verna (Tillbury) Snell on March 30, 1935. Ernest was one of nine children who were all raised around the Lawrence, NE area. Ernest graduated from Lawrence Public Schools. On February 4, 1956, he was united in marriage to Ronalda (Anderson) Snell. From this marriage, two daughters were born. Ronalda passed away on October 11, 2013.

Ernest spent his working years at Dutton Lainsen in Hastings, NE. He also spent a few years working for the Hastings Utilities Department. Among those jobs, he also farmed and raised cattle. In his spare time, Ernest enjoyed playing cards, especially Pitch and Bridge. He also enjoyed many years of

camping at the Nebraska State Fair and enjoyed a good round of golf at Fox Hollow in Sutton. He was also a member of the Sutton Lions Club and was a member of the Sutton Federated Church.

During the Christmas season, Ernest played the role of Santa for the community of Sutton. He also showed his Christmas spirit by decorating the large pine tree in the front lawn of their Saronville home with Christmas lights which could be seen from miles around.

On September 5, 2014, Earnest united in marriage to Leota Urbauer. From this marriage, four more children were added to the family Lon (Pam), Jeff (Ramona), Rod, and Joleen (Bill). Ernest and Leota spent the next 10 years of marriage together. They both resided at the Sutton Assisted Living and Nursing Home since February 25, 2023.

Ernest is survived by his wife Leota Snell of Sutton, daughters Cindy Iliff of Lincoln, NE, Julie Zimmerman of Aurora, NE, stepchildren Lon (Pam) Urbauer of Edgar, NE, Jeff (Ramoma) Urbauer of Athens, GA., Rod Urbauer of Sutton, NE, and Joleen (Bill) Billingham of Wheaton, IL. Grandchildren include Nick Anderson of Lincoln, NE, Bryce (Ashley) Iliff of Lincoln, NE, Nicole Fisher of Aurora, NE, and Colt (Britt) Andrews of Mercer Island, WA. Great-grandchildren are Trevin and Keira Anderson, Makensie and Micah Fisher, and Emma Andrews. He is also survived by his brother Ray (Penny) Snell of Hastings, NE.

Ernest is preceded in death by his wife Ronalda Snell, infant granddaughter Kaysie Lane Andrews. Parents Charles and Verna Snell, son-in-law Vernon Iliff and siblings Walter Snell, Dan Snell, Glenn Snell, Verna Blau, Marie Fischer, Lola Benker, and Genevieve Blau.

Cemetery Details

Saron Lutheran Cemetery

Road 319
Saronville, NE 68975

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sutton Memorial Chapel
804 S. Saunders, Ave.
PO Box 612
Sutton, NE 68979
(402) 773-4100
suttonmemorial@windstream.net
<http://www.suttonmemorial.com/>

Family Present At Visitation

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Funeral Service

OCT 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Federated Church
407 N. Saunders Ave.
Sutton, NE 68979
(402) 773-5336
<https://www.suttonfedchurch.org>

Tribute Wall



“ 16 files added to the album *Flowers*



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - October 18, 2024 at 05:27 PM

KW

*So very sorry for your loss Leotard and family.
Kolleen Whaley and Doris Gowen*

Kolleen Whaley - October 18, 2024 at 07:05 PM

CC

“ *Chris C. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ernest "Ernie" L Snell, 89.*



Chris C. - October 17, 2024 at 11:07 AM

AN

“ So very sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. May he be at peace with all of his loved ones that went ahead of him, including my grandma Genny, who probably greeted him with one of her wonderful hugs!
Thoughts & prayers - Angela Blau Kathman

angela - October 16, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ernest "Ernie" L Snell, 89.



October 16, 2024 at 11:55 AM

DR

“ Diane Roemmich planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernie L Snell, 89.

Diane Roemmich - October 16, 2024 at 11:55 AM

LK

“ Larry And Joyce Klein lit a candle in memory of Ernest "Ernie" L Snell, 89



Larry and Joyce Klein - October 16, 2024 at 10:36 AM

MA

“ *My condolences to everyone.*”



Marla - October 16, 2024 at 09:13 AM