



## Robert Harold Bennett

June 22, 1933 - March 6, 2018

Clay Center resident, Robert H. Bennett, 84, passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at his home in Clay Center, Nebraska.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 12, 2018, at the United Church of Christ in Clay Center, Nebraska. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery, with full Military Honors. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center, Nebraska.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family for further designation.

Condolences may be left at [www.mclaughlinchapel.com](http://www.mclaughlinchapel.com)

Robert Harold Bennett was born June 22, 1933 at home in rural Ewing, Nebraska to Wilbur P. Bennett and Mary L. (Shrader) Bennett.

He received his education and graduated from Ewing High School in 1950. He proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1953 through 1957.

He married Shirley Meagher at March Air Force Base in Riverside, California

on March 3, 1956. He had various jobs before being employed at the Beef Research Station at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. A job he dearly loved. From there he was employed at the Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center, Nebraska. After 36 years of service he retired in 1996.

Bob was a 50 year member of the Clay Center Legion Post 87. He also had a passion for woodworking, rodeos and the western way of life. He especially enjoyed "spreading knowledge" with his morning coffee group.

Bob was very passionate about family time and loved being surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, the pride of his life.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, parents, brother and sister.

He is survived by his daughters, Barb (Steve) Snell of Guide Rock, NE; Diane (DeeDee) Bennett of Kearney, NE; Jerri (Fred) Knapple of Juniata, NE; Sandy(Todd) Bitterman of Broken Bow, NE; son, Robert "Troop" (Paula) Bennett, Jr. of Sargent, NE; eight grandchildren, Mary, Casey and JayDee Snell; Chandra and Charmagne Bitterman; Kaitlyn and Lane Bennett; and Libby Knapple; three great-grandsons, Jaxon; Braedyn and Reed Snell.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Dear friends,  
*I did not know about Bob's passing until I saw it in the paper. You all are so special to me I am sorry I didn't make the funeral. Bob was a very special man, I feel so blessed to have met him and his family. Hoss loved to tell stories and so enjoyed the times he spent with the family. May God comfort you all and bless you with many memories of the good times you had together. Love, June*

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**June Hussmann** - March 12, 2018 at 08:16 PM

SR

“ *We won't be able to attend Bob's services but will be with you in thoughts and prayers.*

*What a wonderful man! You could always count on Bob for a smile and a funny story. He will be missed by many and remembered by all. A sad day for those left on this earth but a day of rejoicing in Heaven.*

*God Bless you all at this most difficult time.*

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**Steve and Jeanne Rewerts** - March 12, 2018 at 09:32 AM

CM

“ *Our family is holding each of you close in our thoughts as you experience the loss of your wonderful father! He was such a good friend to many. We are grateful he was a part of our community and childhood. We know that our Dad will miss his friend very much. It is certain that our Mom is chatting up a storm with your parents and that brings smiles to our faces. May the cherished memories fill your hearts with light and love.*

*Janet, Darrell, Carol and Dennis*

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**Carol Eastin Mack,** - March 11, 2018 at 05:57 PM

RS

“ We just got a call from Steve Yost telling us of Bob's passing. We're so sorry we won't be able to come to the funeral. Hugs to all the kids!

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**Ron and Sally Schindler** - March 11, 2018 at 01:39 PM

CK

“ Very sorry to hear about Bob's passing. Bob and Shirley always looked after the single guys at Ft Robinson. Great times there made special in no small part by the kindness and generosity of the Bennetts. I was always impressed by Bob's knowledge of Quarter Horse genetics. He was one of the good ones for sure and will be missed by many.

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**Colin Kaltenbach** - March 10, 2018 at 02:42 PM

WM

“ For almost 60 years we have had the pleasure of knowing Bob and family. What a bounty of memories! 😊 he was true blue! Two things one could count on: he told you what he thought, and his telling would be funny! What cowboy stories are drifting around the campfire in heaven today! "Go rest high on that mountain, cowboy"

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**Warren and Evelyn Mitchell** - March 10, 2018 at 12:13 PM

KM

“ Hi Bennett family, so sad to hear about Big Bob. He was a good friend and 2nd dad that I'll always be thankful for. I'm sorry to say we won't be back home in time for the funeral but we'll be with you in thoughts and prayers. RIP Dad Bennett. Love you all, Crit and Boone

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**Kathy & Danny Mihm** - March 10, 2018 at 09:23 AM

KB

“ *God Bless you Mr. Bennett and may you rest in peace and enjoy eternal happiness with Shirley. Thoughts and prayers from Ohio to all the family at this time of sorrow.*

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**Kim Betz** - March 10, 2018 at 06:37 AM

CB

“ *RIP Cowboy, I can hear your wonderful stories from our days around the kitchen table, after the horse sales, at the Otto Buechle & Sons ranch south of Valentine for years. Have fun sharing them with all the cowboys in heaven now. God Blessings to your family.*

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**Chris & Kathy Buechle** - March 09, 2018 at 06:40 PM