



William Carl Calkins

January 29, 1939 - January 16, 2017

Sutton resident, William "Bill" Calkins, 77, passed away Monday, January 16, 2017, at his home in Sutton, NE.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Friday, January 20, 2017, at the Federated Church in Sutton, NE with Pastor Mary Scott officiating. Interment will follow at the Sutton Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m., with the family present from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Sutton Federated Church.

William was born January 29, 1939, to Carl and Alberta (Stroud) Calkins in Elyria, Ohio. He joined the Air Force and was transferred to Lincoln, NE where he met his sweet heart Lula Rachow in Lincoln, NE and they were married May 22, 1958.

After his discharge from the Air Force William moved to Sutton, NE with his family and began working with Dude May running his caterpillar and then began working at Smith Bros. Implement. He worked for Smith Bros. and Buchli for 32 years and then started work at Sutton Irrigation and was there for 8 years before retiring and becoming Manager of the Fox Hollow Motel. William and his wife managed the motel for 8 years. Fishing and camping

while his children were growing up was a passion for him. He loved Husker Football and his Allis Tractors.

He was a member of the Federated Church of Sutton, Sutton American Legion for 43 years, the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department for 12 years and 40/8 for 22 years.

William is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lula "Lu" of Sutton, NE; sons, William Calkins Jr. of Manhattan, KS; Larry (Laura Bell) Calkins of Aberdeen, WA; Jerry "Happy" Calkins of Sutton, NE; daughters, Sherrie (John) Bartell of Sutton, NE; Mary (Gregory) Kruciak of Red Cloud, NE; sisters, Shirley Speaker of Elyria, OH; Gayle Calkins of Avon Lake, OH; brother, Ronald (Linda) Calkins of Fountain Valley, CA; sisters-in-law, Lois Barker of Omaha, NE; Lola (Don) Larabee of Elsinore, CA; 16 Grandchildren and 14 Great-grandchildren. He so loved his Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Daughter, Terrie; sister, Ruth Mills and brother, Thomas Calkins.

Tribute Wall

GB

“ *May God's Peace and Grace descend upon you, Lu and Sherrie, and the rest of the family.*

Gene and Karen Bartell - January 19, 2017 at 08:55 PM

RJ

“ *SO sorry for your loss. Bill was such a good man and would help anyone he could. I will never forget giving him a ride on the 4 wheeler through the mud and water. I gave him a good ride. Lol Prayers to you and your families.*

Rick & Susie (Schliep) Johnson - January 19, 2017 at 05:45 PM

JH

“ *So sorry for your loss. So friendly. I will be keeping your family in our prayers.*

Jim Hultman - January 19, 2017 at 11:53 AM

ML

“ *Sorry for your loss you may not remember me but I worked with Bill and happy at smith brothers from 1986 to 1988 I learned a lot from him the most memorable is when we went on a service call he would tell if we got stuck and I was driving I would walk and if he was driving I would walk I will never forget that*

Michael larsen - January 18, 2017 at 08:29 PM

MD

“ I am so sorry for your loss of a wonderful husband, father, brother, and uncle. He will always hold a special place in my heart. I will miss his stories, smile, and advice. He gave me wonderful memories growing up and visiting Nebraska as a kid and coming to Ohio to visit us. I will miss him.

Maxine Davis - January 18, 2017 at 07:29 PM

BD

“ I am saddened by the news of Bill's passing. I have so many memories of playing at The Calkins Home, from the house by Clark's Pond all the way through high school. I hope you find comfort at this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brenda (Veleba) Dolezal - January 18, 2017 at 05:46 PM

BI

“ Sorry to hear the news. He always had a smile and some news to share when we talked. May you find comfort in the memories that you shared and now hold dear.

Bobbie Itzen - January 18, 2017 at 11:30 AM

KS

“ Sorry for for your loss he was a great man

Karen Schliep - January 18, 2017 at 10:21 AM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your lost. Bill or as my Bill called him Wild Bill, was a great friend to the whole family. He watched our kids grow up while he worked on our tractors or lawn motors. Bill C. has a special spot in our hearts. I know Wild Bill and Bill are in heaven working on an allis tractor or lawn motor. I know they are together!!

Pam Hofmann - January 17, 2017 at 10:01 PM

ME

“ Sorry for your loss Lula prayers to all

MaryAnn Engler - January 17, 2017 at 07:12 PM

RD

“ Sorry for your loss.

Ronald and Kathy Doht - January 17, 2017 at 04:38 PM