



William J. Cronin, III

August 25, 1940 - October 4, 2023

Clay Center resident William J. Cronin, III, 83, passed away Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at Edgewood Vista in Hastings, NE.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Monday, October 9, 2023, at the Clay Center Cemetery with Father Michael Zimmer officiating. In honoring his wish to be cremated there will not be a visitation or viewing.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Legion Mills-Schroder Post #87 in Clay Center.

William was born August 25, 1940, in Holdrege, NE to William J. Cronin, II and Mary L. (Roper) Cronin. He received his education at St. Cecilia and graduated from Hastings High School. He furthered his education at Hastings College for one year. He enlisted in the United States Air Force on January 21, 1960, and was stationed in Ohio during the Vietnam War. He served until he was honorably discharged on October 17, 1963. He was employed with Pick Pack Haulers until 2002. William married Ethel Jean Winter Hartman in May of 1964; they were later divorced. He remarried Karen Rauscher on June 25, 1993.

William was a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; three children, Laurie Jean and husband Darrell Gydesen; Lou Ann and husband Tony Fisher; and William "Sonny" J. Cronin, IV; stepsons, Roger and wife Leslie Rauscher and Randy Rauscher; six grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert William; infant brother, Thomas Paul; and brother, Larry Verlan.

Cemetery Details

Clay Center Cemetery

31371 Woodland Rd
Clay Center, NE 68933

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the album *Flowers*



Sutton Memorial Chapel and McLaughlin Funeral Chapel - October 12, 2023 at 03:35 PM