



Dr. Claris "Doc" Sell

December 31, 1938 - March 25, 2026

Claris "Doc" Sell, 87, of Gibbon passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 28, 2026 at Faith United Methodist Church in Gibbon with Pastor Doreen Toe officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2026 at the church.

Dr. Claris Lee Sell "Doc" was born on December 31, 1938 in Loup City, Nebraska to Leo and Antonia (Kerchal) Sell. Doc grew up in Arcadia, NE and spent many years working with his father for Sell Well Drilling and Irrigation. This was an occupation he loved until his father tragically passed away when he was a senior in high school. Upon graduation from Arcadia High School in 1957, he went on to attend Kearney State College. In 1959, he married Sandra Ritz, his high school sweetheart, in Arcadia. They moved to Lincoln after Doc was accepted into the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry. While in dental college, Doc was elected to serve as president of the Delta-Sigma-Delta dental society. After graduation from dental college in 1966, Doc and Sandy moved to Gibbon, NE where he was recruited by D.E. McGregor to open the Gibbon Dental Clinic. Known for his dedication to excellence, Doc continually kept up with the latest dental innovations and upheld the highest standards of ethics and professionalism. In 2004, a vision problem forced Doc into early retirement.

Doc was blessed with three children: Dr. Matthew (Shannon) Sell, Daniel (Jodi) Sell, and Christyne (Ward) Eckloff. He also had grandchildren Sydney (Cameron) Druse, Grant Sell, Mitchell Sell and Brooke Sell and great-grandchildren James and Michael Druse. Doc enjoyed attending his kid's and grandkid's activities. Doc loved his family wholeheartedly and was always proud of their accomplishments.

Doc was involved in several organizations including Gibbon Jaycees (National Director), Lions Club, Gibbon School Board, Chamber of Commerce, Gibbon Planning Commission, Gibbon City Council, and was instrumental in acquiring an overpass in Gibbon. He was also a member in the Nebraska Dental Association, Buffalo County Dental Society, Buffalo County Hospital Board and the Buffalo County Jail Committee. Doc was a member and actively involved in the Faith United Methodist Church where he served on many committees. He played a key role as co-chairperson in the building of the church in 1976.

Doc enjoyed many hobbies including golf, bowling, trap shooting and dancing. Doc's true passion was fishing. He was a member of the Fort Kearney Bassmasters and fished many tournaments in his life. He had a lifelong love of sports, especially the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers, who he believed were always destined to win. A devoted fan, he proudly held Nebraska football season tickets for sixty-four years.

Doc was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Lloyd Sell and Don Sell. Doc is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, his sister Virginia (James) Trotter, sister-in-law Elna (John) Sell and many extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Gibbon Faith United Methodist Church, Gibbon Volunteer Fire Department, or to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted

to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

45400 85th Road
Gibbon, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Faith United Church
203 Garfield St
Gibbon, NE 68840
(308) 468-5521

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Gibbon, NE 68840
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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Meisenbach Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Dr. Claris "Doc" Sell.*



The Meisenbach Family - March 27 at 09:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Claris "Doc" Sell.*



March 26 at 09:36 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Claris "Doc" Sell.*

March 26 at 09:36 AM

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“ *Kendra & Bryce Wilke, Kim. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Claris "Doc" Sell.*



Kendra & Bryce Wilke, Kim. - March 26 at 09:19 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. Claris "Doc" Sell.



March 25 at 11:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Claris "Doc" Sell.



March 25 at 09:39 PM



“ Prayers to the Sell family - may you remember the joyous times you shared with "Doc" and know that he has been welcomed home into the open arms of our Creator. May it be well with your soul knowing he is at peace with no more pain or suffering. Your family is in our prayers.
The Neumans



The Neumans - March 25 at 08:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Claris "Doc" Sell.



March 25 at 07:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Claris "Doc" Sell.*



March 25 at 05:11 PM



“ *My heart felt sympathy to Sandy and her family. It is never easy to lose someone. We love you have my deepest regards and love Marla Dadey.*

Marla Dadey - March 25 at 04:44 PM