



## Russel J. Morgan

August 4, 1932 - October 9, 2014

Russel J. Morgan, 82 of Kearney died Thursday, October 9, 2014 at his residence. Private family services will be held at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. A public visitation will be held from 5:00 -8:00 P.M., Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Minneapolis or the Nebraska Children's Hospital in Omaha. Interment will be held in the Elwood Cemetery in Elwood, Nebraska. Online condolences may be submitted [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com).

Russel J. Morgan was born on August 4, 1932 to Edna Merle (Abbott) Morgan and Marion Russel Morgan near Elwood, Nebraska. He attended and graduated from Elwood Public Schools in Elwood, Nebraska. He then attended one year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He married Carolyn Ruth Curry in Holbrook, Nebraska on June 7, 1953. They spent two years in Germany where Russel served his country as an army medic. They returned to the states and settled in Elwood, Nebraska where he worked at First National Bank and Morgan Insurance Agency. He assumed the Presidency of the Bank upon his fathers' passing and remained there for 48 years until his retirement.

During that time Russel was an active participant in many business and community organizations and served on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Bankers Association, Elwood Chamber of Commerce, South Platte Chamber of Commerce, the Nebraska State Fairboard, Gosper County

Fairboard, the Tri County Board, and the South Central Agricultural Bankers Group.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Tri County Shriners, the Tehama Shriners, the Elks, Kiwanis Club, the American Legion, and the First United Methodist Church.

He was a local baseball coach and led a scout troop. He supported all sports and 4-H in Gosper County and spent many years announcing the Elwood football games.

He was instrumental in helping start the Elwood Care Center, the Elwood Medical Clinic, and the Elwood Rescue Unit.

Upon retirement they moved to Kearney, Nebraska.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn of Kearney; Three Children- Stephanie and (Rick) Buell of Lexington, Nebraska, Jeffrey Morgan of Kearney, Nebraska, and Jennifer Lombardi of Omaha, Nebraska; Four Grandchildren - Katelin Buell of Chicago, Illinois, Jessica and (Sean) Gall of Kearney, Nebraska, Emma Heaton of Omaha, Nebraska, and Zachary Morgan of Kearney, Nebraska; Two Great Grandchildren- Sean David Gall and Vivian Leigh Gall of Kearney, Nebraska; and various other neices and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents - Marion and Merle Morgan, his sister- Marilyn Hickenbottom, and his sister- Sandra Morgan.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **14**. 5:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations

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# Tribute Wall

EF

“ I love you Grandpa and looking at your accomplishments and it amazes all you did. You became such a Anchor to our family. I miss you funny smart comments, generous heart, and your fiery side when ppl were acting foolish. Everyday, I miss you and I know life is for the living, but doesn't mean I don't ponder on the ones I loved the most. I miss you Grandpa! You held Vivian when she was a  baby she's 10 and half years old. Sean Jr. Is a smart little boy he just thinks differently. Lastly, not least you got Natalie who is 4 years old. Grandpa, she's a hoot and I can tell she wants to take on the world. I love you always and forever. I watched over Grandma the best I could to make ends meet. You would be proud I'm going back to school and going the graduate. I'm going into phlebotomy lol so I can be a pain in everyone's you know what? P.S. promise while you're up there take care of my babies. Xo  
Your Granddaughter, Emma 



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Emma Fisher - April 21, 2024 at 10:40 PM



“ Russel J. Morgan

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January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM

JL

“ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jorJh8DTMVM>

*God I Miss you!! Thank you Dad for everything. What a comfort that you are in heaven and looking down with pride in the family. I'm trying Dad, I am but a shadow of you but I'm glad I'm at least a shadow.....I got this Dad and with God on my side I cannot lose. I'm doing exactly what I'm suppose to do.....I LOVE YOU DAD-love you woodsie*

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**Jennifer Lombardi** - October 10, 2016 at 09:05 AM

LL

“ *Dear Carolyn,  
Our hearts go out to you and your family. We are so very sorry for your loss. We, too, will miss Russel very much. He touched our lives with such sunshine and joy. We are better for knowing and loving both of you. You have our deepest sympathy.*

*Love,  
Russ and Linda*

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**Linda Lambert** - October 15, 2014 at 12:55 PM

TR

“ *Dear Carolyn and Family, We were so sorry to hear about Russ's passing. We were just shocked. So many good memories. May you find comfort in knowing how much he was loved and how good he was to so many people. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family in the coming days, weeks and months. Our deepest Sympathy and Respect.*

*John & Tami Reynolds*

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**Tami Reynolds** - October 15, 2014 at 09:59 AM

SI

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time*

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**Sharon Schulte (Security First Ins)** - October 14, 2014 at 02:02 PM

BW

“ *Dear Carolyn and Family,*

*I'm so sorry for you loss! I so hoped for a cure! I will remember with pleasure that day this year in a three man scramble in which we set a record of 10 under at the Welch Memorial Tournament.  
May God Bless you and keep you,  
Ben Welch*

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**Ben Welch** - October 11, 2014 at 09:35 PM

BS

“ *Betty Jo Shaw lit a candle in memory of  
Russel J. Morgan*



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**Betty Jo Shaw** - October 11, 2014 at 04:00 PM

BS

*My name is Betty Jo Shaw not Betty Shaw. Please correct.*

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**Betty Jo Shaw** - October 11, 2014 at 04:01 PM

BS

“ *I am so sorry for your lost. May God give you comfort during this time. May the memories of Russell become treasured memories.*

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**Betty Jo Shaw** - October 11, 2014 at 03:59 PM

TR

“ So sorry to hear about Russel's passing. He was truly very active in the Elwood community! Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you!

*Sincerely, Toni Whitten Rieker*

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**Toni Rieker** - October 10, 2014 at 10:22 PM

BG

“ Sorry to hear this Jeff....your in our thoughts and prayers..

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**Brandt Godberson** - October 10, 2014 at 09:23 PM

BG

“ Brandt Godberson lit a candle in memory of Russel J. Morgan



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**Brandt Godberson** - October 10, 2014 at 09:20 PM

 Emma Heaton

“ My grand father was one of my biggest role models. He also believed in me and what I can do with everyday of my life. He was the back bone of our famiy he will be extremely missed. May you rest in peace with stars.

*Love, Emma*

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**Emma Heaton** - October 10, 2014 at 08:53 PM

JH

“ Carolyn and family--We are so sorry for your loss. Russ was such a good person and so good to Bob and our whole family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God give you comfort and strength at this time. Bob and Jane

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**Jane Hilton** - October 10, 2014 at 05:49 PM

JH

“ I have too many memories to share. If I had to pick a favorite though, it would have to be all the time my grandfather spent with my children. His great grandchildren were so very special to him, they brought him such happiness. It was incredible witnessing my grandfathers profound love for Sean Jr. and Vivian, it was like getting to know him all over again.. I will miss him dearly.

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**Jessica Heaton** - October 10, 2014 at 05:13 PM

SH

“ RIP Uncle Russel. Miss you.



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**Shelly Hickenbottom** - October 10, 2014 at 04:44 PM