



Wayne Simmerman

February 7, 1931 - October 21, 2021

Delbert Wayne Simmerman, 90 years, passed away peacefully October 21, 2021 at Good Samaritan Hospital surrounded by his children. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at the Elm Creek Christian Church with Pastor Dave Dickinson officiating. Visitation will be held 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Chapel in Elm Creek.

Memorials are suggested to Elm Creek Emergency Unit, Elm Creek School Foundation, Christian Churches of Elm Creek and Overton and the Kearney Area Animal Shelter. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Wayne was born February 7, 1931 in Sterling, CO. His family moved to Kearney, NE when he was very young. They then moved to Elm Creek where he attended elementary grades in rural schools. He graduated from Elm Creek Public School in 1949. He worked for the Peterson Mortuary in Elm Creek and Central Typewriter Company in Hastings after breaking his back due to a fall from a horse. He then worked at the Peterson Conoco and Café in Elm Creek in 1950 and later at McKee Implement – International Harvester from 1951-1952.

In 1953 he married Phyllis Williams. At that time, he owned the Standard Filling Station on Hwy 30. In 1955, they moved to Phelps County where he worked for Clyde Cruise. In 1958, they moved back to Elm Creek and he became patrol operator for the Elm Creek Township until 2014.

After he retired, he drove the bus for the Elm Creek School. He worked for Neilsen Mortuary, Godberson Mortuary and later the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. He always wished he could have gone to school to be a funeral director.

Wayne and Phyllis served on the Elm Creek Centennial Committee in 1987.

For 55 years he was the "Voice of the Buffaloes" announcing for all the football games. In March 2014, the Nebraska State Athletic Association presented him an award for Outstanding Service to Nebraska High School Athletics.

He also opened his own Small Engine Repair business which he has worked in until recently.

Wayne was known as "The Snakeman". He traveled to schools, county fairs and to other groups where he gave educational talks about snake safety and identification of snakes of the United States.

He is survived by his children Bill (Nancy) Simmerman of Elm Creek; Keri (Mark) Phillips of Omaha and Pegi Simmerman of Steamboat Springs, CO. Granddaughters Lauren (Drew) Schneider and Kati (Chase) Newcomer. Eight great-grandchildren: Addison, Shyan, Nevaeh, Easton, Jude, Eloise, Otto and Freddie. His sister Ardis and two brothers Harlan and Dick as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis, daughter, Lori Ruth, granddaughter Annie Ruth, his parents, two sisters and three brother-in-law's.

Our Family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Lissa Woodruff, the nurses and other employees of Good Samaritan Hospital ICU for all the wonderful care and concern for our dad and family.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services - Elm Creek Chapel
301 N. Tyler
Elm Creek, NE 68836
(308) 234-3500

Funeral Service

OCT **26.** 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
Elm Creek, NE

Tribute Wall



“ Wayne Simmerman

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I just heard of Wayen's passing. Please accept my condolences. I am sorry I didn't know so I could be there for his service. Wayne was so wonderful to me when we lived in Elm Creek. We shared a love of horses and he allowed me to keep horses at his house. He even burred one of my horses by the creek. He used to stop in and visit me in Elwood when his granddaughter had sports events there. I am sure he is happy to be back with Phillis now. I am again so sorry for your loss. Prayers for God to comfort you at this time of sorry.*

Lori Hagan

Lori Hagan - October 27, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Simmerman.*



October 25, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Wayne Simmerman.*



October 25, 2021 at 04:44 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy on your loss. Wayne was a beautiful example of life and Christian living. I am blessed to have had him as a part of my life, and very humbled that he reached out to me several times to talk about God and the Bible. His faith was as simple as it should be. He knew that it was all about Jesus Christ and his relationship with Him. I know without a doubt Wayne is with Jesus in heaven and is enjoying eternity with Him and also with Phyllis who was a big part of his life and memories. May God bless all of you as his family and friends as you reflect and remember. I want to encourage you, the time I knew him and talked with him, he did it right. God bless Pastor Will Thompson*

William Thompson - October 24, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Simmerman Family
Wayne was my bus driver at one point - he helped with alot of our family's funeral.
He was such a nice man - he will be missed.*

Thoughts and Prayers for all.

Sandra Stephens Calvin

Sandra Stephens Calvin - October 24, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne Simmerman.*



October 23, 2021 at 11:46 PM



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October 23, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne Simmerman.*



October 23, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Simmerman.*



October 23, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Simmerman.* ”



October 22, 2021 at 08:11 PM