



Carroll O. Hardessen

November 25, 1918 - October 12, 2017

Carroll O. Hardessen, 98, of Kearney, formerly of Brule, died Thursday, October 12, 2017 at Brookdale Northridge Assisted Living in Kearney.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney and Drauker Funeral Home in Ogallala www.draukerfuneralhome.com are in charge of arrangements. Memorials have been established to the Petrified Wood Gallery in Ogallala and Northridge Retirement Community in Kearney. Condolences to Mary Hardessen, 5410 17th Ave., #13, Kearney, NE 68845.

Carroll was born on November 25, 1918 at home in Brule, NE to Otto and Sophia (Oeltjen) Hardessen, who both immigrated from Germany in the early 1900s. He graduated from Ogallala High School and as a member of The Greatest Generation, he volunteered for the US Army Air Corp in 1942 and trained to be a glider pilot. He married Mary Neumann on August 27, 1944 in Chappell, NE. Carroll and Mary farmed and fed cattle for many years on their farm southwest of Brule, NE until moving to Kearney in 2014. Carroll could make or repair just about anything. He loved attending auctions and farm sales, was an active 4-H and community leader and an accomplished wood carver.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 73 years, Mary; daughters Jane Hardessen Shaw (Bud)of Walla Walla,WA and Linda Adams (Jerry) of Broken Bow, NE; son John Hardessen (Sue) of Kearney; grandchildren Amy Staples (Corey) of Broken Bow, NE, Melissa Lynd (Adam) of Overland Park, KS, Scott Adams (Andrea) of North Liberty, IA, Erica Hardessen of Kearney and Jess Hardessen (Mikala) of Gretna, NE; in addition to 10 great grandchildren.

Carroll was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Laura Ballentine.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carroll O. Hardessen*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Mary and family,*
I'm so very sorry for your loss. My dad, Dick Linn, thought a lot of Carroll! He told me many times what a kind wonderful man he was, as well as you Mary.
Dad shared about stopping there for pie on his way back from Colorado. I will tell you he had me honk each time we went on I-80 by Brule and he would wave.
My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Chris Linn (Dick Linn's daughter)
North Platte

Chris Linn - October 16, 2017 at 02:41 PM