



Gregory J. Paitz

November 23, 1933 - January 10, 2018

Gregory J. Paitz, 84, of Pleasanton died Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Kearney Regional Medical Center.

Visitation is planned Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 5-6 pm followed by a Scripture Wake Service at the church in Ravenna. Lunch will follow the wake service in the church hall. Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, January 15, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Ravenna. Father Alex Borzych will officiate. Lunch will be provided immediately following Mass at the church hall. Graveside services and burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Pleasanton at 2:00 p.m. Military rites at the grave will be provided by the Leo and Clinton Krotz V.F.W. Post #9481, Roy Eaton American Legion Post #321 both of Pleasanton, Ravenna V.F.W. Post # 5820, and the Nebraska National Guard Military Honors Team.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Pleasanton Fire Department or to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pleasanton. Please visit www.hlmkfuneral.com to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Greg was born November 23, 1933 to Jacob and Helen (Zimmer) Paitz at their farm north of Kearney. He graduated from Pleasanton High School in

1951. He is a Korean War veteran, serving in the United States Army from 1955-1957 and was stationed in Germany.

On April 24, 1957, he married Betty Kriha at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church south of Ravenna. They lived and farmed south of Poole for 25 years, moving southeast of Pleasanton in 1982 where they farmed at the Paitz family farm.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pleasanton and the V.F.W.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Betty, of Pleasanton; sons, Larry Paitz and wife Julie of Pleasanton, David Paitz and wife Ceci of Waverly; daughters, Peggy Graham and husband Denny of Lincoln, Sharon Hernandez and husband Vince of Grand Island, Becky Behrendt and husband Bill of Ravenna, and Jenny Belitz and husband Dan of Cedar Bluffs; sisters, Mary Shiers of Kearney, Rita Busch of Pleasanton, Monica DeCarlo and husband Tony of Poulsbo, WA; brother, Joe Paitz of Hazard; sisters-in-law, Ruth Ripp, Kay Ripp and Joan Kriha all of Ravenna; 21 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Leo and Clement Paitz and sister, Teresa Pickering; in-laws, Florence Paitz, Harold Pickering, Roger Shiers, Robert Busch, Delores Paitz, Jerry Ripp, Oley Ripp, and Robert Kriha.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Pleasanton, NE 68866

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
515 Sicily Avenue
Ravenna, NE

Christian Wake Service

JAN 14. 6:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
515 Sicily Avenue
Ravenna, NE

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 15. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
515 Sicily Avenue
Ravenna, NE

Graveside Service

JAN 15. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Pleasanton, NE 68866

Tribute Wall



“ Gregory J. Paitz

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ Dear Betty and family –

I am so sad to hear about Greg's passing. God must have needed a warm and caring man to join him in his work in heaven! Want to share a memory with you that has been playing over and over in my mind since hearing the news. Back in the Poole school era, when Miss Kriha married the guy from Pleasanton (your Dad), their wedding dance was the first one that the Johnson kids ever experienced. The entire Poole, Pleasanton and Ravenna community attended. I can still see, hear and feel watching their first dance. I am sure you have the beautiful pictures, and as they waltzed so gracefully, this is what I heard -

*“I dream of that night with you,
Lady when first we met We danced in a world of blue,
How can my heart forget
Blue were the skies, and blue were your eyes,
just like the blue skirt you wore
Come back blue lady, come back,
Don't be blue anymore.”*

*Enchanting and unforgettable!! So are the memories of times together in Poole playing softball and remaining as dear friends.
My deepest sympathy to you all!!
Diana Meyer*

Diana Meyer - January 14, 2018 at 02:10 PM

MD

“ *Mary Davey lit a candle in memory of Gregory J. Paitz*



Mary Davey - January 14, 2018 at 01:29 AM

GH

“ *Betty, Sharon and all family,*

So very sorry to hear of Mr. Paitz's passing. We all know he is in the best place he can be now, but it is hard losing someone we love in any circumstance. We remember his warm smile and caring heart. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love, George and Lisa Hernandez

George and Lisa Hernandez - January 13, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory J. Paitz.*



January 13, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory J. Paitz.*



January 13, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ *Greg was a truly kindred spirit and a humble servant of God. He was always very caring and quick to ask how you were doing. He was also given the role of being a god-parent to me. I'll never forget you. May you rest in peace!*

Mitch Schwab - January 13, 2018 at 02:18 AM



“ *Bill Dobish & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gregory J. Paitz.*



Bill Dobish & Family - January 12, 2018 at 09:15 AM

LB

“ Dear Paitz Family,

What a wonderful man Greg was. You were great neighbors and friends. We have many wonderful memories of softball games in Poole and sled riding parties in the pasture. He raised an amazing family and has truly left legacy. We will always have fond memories of Greg. Sending hugs and prayers for you during this difficult time.

*Love,
Lori & Larry Buchmann*

Lori Buchmann - January 11, 2018 at 08:45 PM

DO

“ We will miss Uncle Greg's story telling and his wonderful grin on his face. Bill won't forget the dances they did together shortly after we were married. What a wonderful person.

Donna and Bill

Donna - January 11, 2018 at 05:57 PM

CL

“ Dear Betty and all of the Paitz family,

My deepest sympathy in the death of Greg - your husband and father! My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time, and I will continue to keep you all in prayer for the months ahead. My our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, grant you his comfort and peace in the midst of your sorrow.

Carol Larson

Carol Larson - January 11, 2018 at 05:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gregory J. Paitz.*



January 11, 2018 at 04:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gregory J. Paitz.*



January 11, 2018 at 03:15 PM