



Harry H. Wempen

October 23, 1928 - October 12, 2019

Harry H. Wempen, 90, of Sumner, died Saturday, October 12, 2019 at his home. Funeral services will be 10:30 am, October 17, 2019 at Grace Lutheran Church in Sumner with Pastor Vic Rasmussen officiating. Burial with military rites will follow the service at the Sumner Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 pm, October 16, 2019 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl funeral and Cremation Service in Kearney and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Grace Lutheran Church.

Harry was born October 23, 1928 on the family farm near Sumner to Herbert and Cynthia (Wingert) Wempen. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Amherst. He attended Lone Star Rural School. Harry married Reva Steinhauser on September 2, 1952 in Holdrege. He was drafted into the Army on December 2, 1952, attending basic training in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and then serving in Korea until October 21, 1954. After the service Harry and Reva lived southeast of Sumner, where he ranched, raised sheep, hogs, and owned a dairy farm for over thirty years. He loved his horses and had registered Quarter Horses and Paints, belonging to the American Quarter Horse Association and American Paint Horse Association. He enjoyed attending rodeos and showing his "trick" horses. Harry used to raise Grey Hounds for the track and was a member of the Grey Hound Association. Harry was a 4-H member and leader and started the dog obedience class in Sumner. He loved hunting coyotes and coons. He was a member of the Grace

Lutheran Church in Sumner and is an honorary member of the Sumner Saddle Club. Harry was one of the first members to start the saddle club in 1950 riding with the drill team.

Harry is survived by his wife Reva of Sumner, NE; Son Terry Wempen and wife Pam of Sumner; daughters, Janet Furry and Pam Handy of Gresham, NE, Nancy Welsh of Shelby, NE, Cindy Elliott and husband Jeff of Garden City, KS, Joyce Wempen and Charlie Ripp of Sumner, NE; brother, Lenard Wempen of Mexico; sister, Lucille Lang of Lincoln, NE; grandchildren, Parry Siebenaler and wife Lisa, Carmen Wempen and Dean Pelowski, Jason Cranwell and wife Jordan, Andrew Lopez and Miranda Sealey, Stacy Lopez, Cara and Shay Stephens, Katherine Dornes and husband Brad; 15 great grandchildren

Harry was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Opal Freeze, Viola Provolt, Bernice Volmer, Ruth Schnacker, Pearl Schnacker, son-in-law, Jim Welsh.

Cemetery Details

Sumner Cemetery

Sumner, NE 68878

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **17**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church - Sumner
407 Oak St.
Sumner, NE 68878

Tribute Wall



“ *Harry H. Wempen*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Chinese Dogwood Tree was purchased for the family of Harry H. Wempen.*



October 15, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ *Joyce, So sorry about the passing of your father. My prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.*



Rodney Thompson - October 15, 2019 at 06:02 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Harry H. Wempen.*



October 14, 2019 at 11:00 PM

MW

“ My uncle taught me many of the important things in life - how to hunt, be a cowboy, and train a dog. He had a saying and a story for everything. Once I decided, while they were still fresh in my mind, to write down some of his stories. I'm glad I did. There was never a problem with horses, mules, cattle or dogs that he did not have a good solution. Example: I told him one day my horse won't hold still when I try to get on. He said, tie your horse to a post with a lead rope. Get on. Unbuckle the lead rope and don't let him move for 15 seconds. When the horse gets used to standing still when you get on, do away with the tying to a post, but NEVER start riding until you've stood for 15 seconds. That my friends is pure genius. I spent many nights walking the creek bottom listening to coon dogs crying and him tell me stories of he and grandpa doing the same when he was a boy. He filled my ears with stories of great coon dogs like Belle, Rebel, Lucky, Bowser and Nickel. He gave me an old wool coat to stay warm on the creek, and always let me shoot the coon from the tree. There are things in life more important than the things I learned from my uncle, but right now I cannot think of a one. I will miss our times together. - Michael Wempen

Michael Wempen - October 14, 2019 at 09:32 PM

CJ

"Well look at the stranger."
Harry Wempen

Crystal James - October 15, 2019 at 08:21 PM

LC

“ Lenard Wempen and children purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Harry H. Wempen.



Lenard Wempen and children - October 14, 2019 at 08:42 PM