



Melvin L. John

December 14, 1927 - September 21, 2022

Melvin L. John, 94, of Kearney, formerly of Miller, died September 21, 2022 at Brookstone Gardens in Kearney. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 am, September 26, 2022 at St. James Catholic Church with Fr. Joseph Hannappel officiating. Burial will follow the service at the Kearney Cemetery with Military Rites provided by the Nebraska National Guard Funeral Honors Team, Kearney American Legion Post #52, and Kearney V.F.W. Post #759. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, September 25, 2022 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials are suggested to St. James Catholic Church or the Miller Rural Fire Department.

Melvin was born December 14, 1927, in Miller, NE to Albin and Christine (Muller) John. He grew up on a farm near Miller and graduated from Miller High School in 1945. After high school, he was drafted into the Army where he served in Japan. After returning home, he married his high school sweetheart, Beulah Fees, on August 24, 1949 at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Eddyville, NE. They were blessed with 73 years of marriage and their journey in life was side by side through all times. Melvin joined the Catholic faith in June of 1991 and became a member of St. James Catholic Church in Kearney.

Melvin and Beulah lived outside of Miller when they were first married. They then moved to the Odessa area where they farmed and Melvin worked at the

Alfalfa Mill. In 1958 they moved to Sumner where they raised their two children, Dan and Kellie. There they farmed, raised various crops and cattle. Melvin took great pride in his purebred Angus cattle. This is when he began selling purebred Angus bulls "John Angus Farms," a family operation of 4 generations today. They bought a farm outside of Miller in 1972 where they continued farming and raising cattle. He was a farmer, rancher, and a businessman, always figuring and making notes.

He was a husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, which he loved. He and Beulah supported and followed their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren through all the 4-H projects and all sporting events. They traveled with family and friends all over the country watching sporting events.

Melvin loved to play cards with anyone that would want to take on his competitive spirit. He was playing cards with grandchildren and great grandchildren until the last days on the farm. In addition to his card playing, you could count on some ice cream for a treat or he would take you to Dairy Queen for a malt.

Melvin was a hardworking and a generous man. He didn't know a stranger and could have a conversation with anyone he met. He believed farming provided education for life and that no other occupation teaches so much about birth, growth, values, and maturity in such a variety of ways. He loved his family, faith, and life on the farm. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him every day.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Beulah John of Kearney; son, Dan and Pam John of Miller, NE; daughter, Kellie John of Kearney; grandchildren, Eric and Stacy John of Miller, NE, Stacia Tallon of Hill City, SD, Lexie John of Rapid City, SD, Clinton John of Miller, NE; great-grandchildren, Deric, Isaac, and Grace John of Miller, NE, Taylor, Brody, and Maddy Tallon of Hill City, SD.

Melvin was preceded in death by one brother Virgil John.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

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

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin L. John*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Melvin L. John.*



September 24, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ *The City of Hill City purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Melvin L. John.*



The City of Hill City - September 23, 2022 at 05:58 PM



“ *I was blessed to have Melvin as a Golden Harvest seed dealer for several years. I always enjoyed the time which I was able to spend with him and appreciated the honesty and dedication which he exhibited not only to me but also to the farmers and ranchers who purchased bulls from him. My life was better for having known him. My prayers are with all of Melvin's family at this sad time. May God bless you all. Rolan Sell*

Rolan Sell - September 23, 2022 at 09:02 AM