



Clarence A. "Bud" Gaghagen Jr.

February 15, 1924 - April 21, 2015

Clarence A. "Bud" Gaghagen Jr., 91, of Central City, Nebraska, died Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Edgewood Vista in Grand Island. Memorial graveside services will be Monday, April 27, 2015, at 11:30 A.M. at Central City Cemetery with Father Robert Lewis officiating. Military rites will be performed by American Legion Lone Tree Post #6 of Central City. A time of fellowship with the family will follow at Christ Episcopal Church in Central City. Wagner Funeral Home in Central City is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mr. Gaghagen was born on February 15, 1924 in Denver, Colorado to C. A. Gaghagen Sr. and Dora Lois (Johnson) Gaghagen. The family moved to Alliance, NE and he attended school there, graduating in 1941.

He entered the United States Army in 1943 and served in the European Theater until 1946. He was a member of the 66th Infantry Division. He was recalled to active duty in September of 1950 and was in Korea until August 1951. He was honorably discharged on October 24, 1952.

Bud began his banking career with the Abbott Group of Alliance and was manager of the Thedford and Merriman branches.

He was united in marriage to Louise Prouty Engler on July 28, 1961 in Shelton, NE. The couple lived in Central City where Bud was employed as Cashier of Central Bank. He was elected President in 1964 and remained in that office until his retirement in 1989. He was Vice Chairman of the Board for many years.

Bud was a member of Christ Episcopal Church and had served on the vestry

and as treasurer and lay reader. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion Lone Tree Post #6, VFW, and the 40 & 8 of the Legion. He also served on the school boards and Chamber of Commerce in the towns he lived in. He served as President of the Merrick Co. Ag & Ind. Corp. He was active in economic development and served on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Jan Gaghagen of Grand Island, NE; and Mark and Pam Gaghagen of Lincoln, NE, two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Dale Jones of Phoenix, AZ; and Tracy Ann and Joe Thomas of Columbus, NE, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Dick Kimberly of Cotopaxi, CO, stepchildren, Jane and Warren Nelson of Lincoln, NE; David Engler of Bell Fouché, SD; and Jim and Lori Engler of Holdrege, NE, several nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Louise Gaghagen, and his brother, George Gaghagen.

Memorials are suggested to Asera-Care and condolences may be sent to the family at the funeral home website, www.wagnerfuneral.com.

Previous Events

Graveside Services

APR 27. 11:30 AM (CT)

Central City Cemetery
Central City, NE 68826

Tribute Wall

BS

“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of Bud. I have many fond memories of growing up in Central City with the Gaghagen family and visiting the home of Bud and Louise. Mike, Mark, Susan, and Tracy: Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families during this sad time.

Bob & Chris Steinke

Bob Steinke - April 27, 2015 at 04:34 PM

FS

“ I graduated with Bud. We have been exchanging E-Mails for some time and I wondered why I didn't hear from him. I saw him last at the graduation party for classes 41 through 45 a few years ago. Always knew him as a kind, friendly person.

My condolences to the family. Francis Saxton

Francis Saxton - April 24, 2015 at 09:07 PM

PG

“ There are so many memories of our fun times together, so many laughs when we vacationed together in Vegas. I remember one that we laughed so hard on, was Bud telling about his "purchase of wrinkle free spray for your clothes". it just hit us.

He and Lowell were very close and always enjoyed each other.

Now another dear friend has crossed over and I will miss him when in Central.

My sympathy to all of you and your families, so many memories of you.

Sincerely, Punkie.

Punkie Galusha - April 24, 2015 at 04:52 PM

RW

“ Our sympathy to your whole family. May your father rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

Ike & Ruth



Ruth Williford - April 24, 2015 at 04:35 PM

MG

“ Sympathies and celebration for a life-well lived. I enjoyed the several times and memories I have in working or visiting with Bud. May you also find joy in many more reflections. Mark (and Jane) Gloor

mark gloor - April 24, 2015 at 11:54 AM

MD

“ Even though I didn't know Bud that well, I feel like I have lost an old friend. He is up in Heaven playing golf with Wally now. And what a grand reunion he is having with Louise. Please accept my heartfelt condolences.
Margo Duepner



Margo Duepner - April 23, 2015 at 12:43 PM