



John F. Jefferson

March 1, 1931 - May 11, 2020

John F. Jefferson, 89, of Central City died Monday, May 11, 2020 at Litzenberg Memorial Long Term Care Center. Public Graveside Service will be Friday, May 15, 2020 at 10:30 am at the Central City Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Celebration of Life Services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later time. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

John Franklin Jefferson was born March 1, 1931 to Frank W. and Anna M. (Nielsen) Jefferson in Central City. He received his grade school education from District 18 and graduated from Central City High School in 1949. John entered the United States Army on May 6, 1952. While in the service he participated in the atomic bomb tests and later was an instructor in atomic warfare. He was stationed in Thule, Greenland for one year and was honorably discharged on June 1, 1954. On June 5, 1955 John was united in marriage to Delores F. Kohtz. John and Delores made their home on the Jefferson home place where he farmed and lived all of his life until moving to Long Term Care in 2019.

John was a 75 year member of Fairview United Methodist Church, a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge, and Order of Eastern Star. He was also a Past Guardian of Jobs Daughters of Bethel #7. He served on the board of the

Central Platte Natural Resources District until 1991 and served as chairman for eight years, from 1974-1982. John received the Distinguished Service to Conservation award in 1975 and was named Central City Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Farmer of 1977. John also served as a Merrick County Supervisor from 2001 to 2014. John was a lifetime member of American Legion Post #6 and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10594. He also was very involved with the 4-H program and Merrick County Fair for many years. In his free time John enjoyed spending his time woodworking, marquetry and grandfather clock construction and repair.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Delores of Central City; his children, Cynthia (Richard) Boche of Cheyenne, WY, Brian (Kendra) Jefferson of Central City, Tracey (Ron) Hefner of Archer, Lila (Mike) Steinke of Phillips; his siblings, Joan (Phil) Foulk of Omaha, and Dale (Mary Lou) Jefferson of Columbus; sister-in-law, Mildred Kohtz of Grand Island; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lola (Ed) Felske; cousin, Irene Hahn; son-in-law, Larry Geu; sister-in-law, Charlene (Norvin) Johannes; and brother-in-law, Lowell Kohtz.

Cemetery Details

Central City Cemetery

Central City, NE 68826

Previous Events

Graveside Services

MAY 15. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Central City, NE 68826

Tribute Wall

HR

“ *Delores & Family, Margaret & I want to extend our sincere sympathy to you and your family. We knew John & your family well. Words probably not help too much but know that our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Respectfully,
Margaret & Harley T.Riley*

Harley T. & Margaret I. Riley - May 22, 2020 at 10:37 AM

SB

“ *Our sincere condolences to Delores and the rest of John's family. You are in our hearts in this time of loss. We have lovely memories of John as a neighbor and a very active member of the community. He was a wonderful, considerate and caring man. He is missed.*

Susan Black, Deb King, and Lynne Messersmith

Susan Black - May 14, 2020 at 03:45 PM

CG

“ *We are deeply saddened by the news of John's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Family of Corby Goerl

Corby Goerl - May 14, 2020 at 08:57 AM

RB

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Hold onto the previous memories of time spent with your dad! Those memories will forever be held in your heart.*

*Hugs and prayers,
Robin Brown*

Robin Brown - May 13, 2020 at 07:34 PM

DW

“ My Husband, Don has memories when John & Delores were on the farm, and my were when we would see them, we enjoyed visiting, and John was always friendly, Don & John would always salute each other, our deepest sympathy to the family, and Don says, John was a great guy, and he will be greatly missed Don & Joyce Williams

Don & Joyce Williams - May 13, 2020 at 06:48 PM

DO

“ I met John and his wife through Eastern Star as I was a member. John and Delores made me feel welcome and I had many conversations that were embraceable. I am sadden to hear of his passing. Please know Delores and family I am sending prayers and thoughts of you during this difficult time.



Deepest Sympathies;

Deanna J. Orlando

Deanna Orlando - May 13, 2020 at 02:57 PM

BN

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron Weller family
Brea Norton family

Brea Norton - May 13, 2020 at 12:08 PM

CH

“ *May Beautiful Memories give you Peace. Our Sympathy ~ Chasity & Rob Pfeifer Family*

Chas - May 13, 2020 at 11:48 AM

KS

“ *Tracy, Brian and family:
Words cannot express our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy with the passing of your dearest father John. Friday will be a difficult day, a day that one hoped we would never experience. Please know that we stand with you and family as friends with added strength along side of our Father God to help you to face this life transition.
Bill and Kathryn Stovall*

Kathryn Stovall - May 13, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *I speak for the brethren of loneTree lodge#36, John was a great man, humble, strong and filled with a passion few have or understand, I will miss our talks and your presence in our lodge. My time with you was short and I know we will meet again, Our deepest sympathy and comfort to those you leave behind. Craig Taylor*

Craig Taylor - May 13, 2020 at 11:28 AM

CR

“ *We send our deepest sympathy to all of you at this time ~ the final good bye is so hard, but we are sure it will be harder where family and friends cannot be there to comfort all of you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers ~
Russ & Cheryl Retzlaff & family*



Cheryl Retzlaff - May 13, 2020 at 10:07 AM

AK

“ I am filled with sadness and wonderful memories as I read this Obituary about John. Not only was he an outstanding man in the community, church, state, but his who family was outstanding. He came from great parents and siblings. His sister, Lola, was my great friend all of my life. Her picture still stands on my nightstand!! John did so much for others even when he was young. Hold on tight to your many memories, family.

Arlene Rawlings Kirk - May 13, 2020 at 09:35 AM

CW

“ Sorry to hear of John's passing. He was quite the guy --- definitely one of the good ones!!
Chris & Paul Wait

Chris Wait - May 13, 2020 at 09:16 AM

BC

“ I am broken hearted of hearing of your loss of John!! He was a great man!! He will be missed by many!! My heartfelt prayers and thoughts are with all of you!!!

Brandy Campos - May 13, 2020 at 06:13 AM

JB

“ So sorry to see this. John was a good friend and always liked to visit with Jim. Our love and sympathy to the family!

Janet as Boulton - May 12, 2020 at 11:57 PM

VW

“ I enjoyed visiting with John at the Men's Lenten Breakfasts & Annual Conference sessions. Pastor Valjean Warman

Valjean Warman - May 12, 2020 at 11:30 PM