



Melvin P. Bender

August 12, 1956 - July 9, 2024

Melvin P. Bender, 88, of Polk, died on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at York General Hearststone Care Center in York. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Central City with Pastor Richard Kothe officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 12th from 5-7 p.m. at the church. Interment will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later time.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Melvin was born on August 12, 1935 to Paul and Marie (Brauer) Bender in Seward. He attended Seward Country School, as well as Clarks Schools and graduated from Clarks High School in 1954. On March 27, 1955 Melvin was united in marriage to Phyllis Eaton at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Central City. To this union were four children. Melvin lived his entire married life in the Polk area where he had his own dairy farm, until 2012 when he retired and moved into the town of Polk.

When he wasn't working, Melvin enjoyed fishing, raising fish, and woodworking. Many of his woodworking projects are still used by his family. He was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Central City. He was also a member of the Polk Fire District for over 50 years, where he served as the President for several years. He was on the Polk Public School Board, and a past member of Mid-America Dairymen Association.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Phyllis; his children, Vic (Ronda) Bender of Beatrice, Kathie (Dennis) Carlstrom of Polk, Patti (Randy) Saner of

North Platte, and Terry (Melanie) Bender of Hordville, 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Bernice Eaton and Janice Bade.

Cemetery Details

At a Later Date

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
820 G Street
Central City, NE 68826

Funeral Service

JUL 13. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
820 G Street
Central City, NE 68826

Tribute Wall



“ *Patti Saner and Bender families, I'm sorry for the loss of your father.* ”

Dustin W Mahan - December 26, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ *Twin Rivers Service Department purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvin P. Bender.* ”



Twin Rivers Service Department - July 12, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ *Twin Rivers Service Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin P. Bender.* ”

Twin Rivers Service Department - July 12, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin P. Bender.* ”



July 12, 2024 at 12:09 PM

LD

“ Larry, Diane, and Denny purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin P. Bender.



Larry, Diane, and Denny - July 12, 2024 at 12:09 PM

TF

“ The Pruitt Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin P. Bender.



The Pruitt Family - July 12, 2024 at 10:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin P. Bender.



July 12, 2024 at 09:08 AM

YF

“ Your Corteva Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin P. Bender.

Your Corteva Family - July 12, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin P. Bender.



July 11, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ T. L. Meyer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin P. Bender.

T. L. Meyer - July 11, 2024 at 10:01 PM



“ Phill and Linda Musser purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Melvin P. Bender.



Phill and Linda Musser - July 11, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ Sandy Siegel & Tracy Brouillard purchased the Divine Light for the family of Melvin P. Bender.



Sandy Siegel & Tracy Brouillard - July 11, 2024 at 06:51 PM

SB

“ Sandy Siegel & Tracy Brouillard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin P. Bender.

Sandy Siegel & Tracy Brouillard - July 11, 2024 at 06:51 PM

DE

“ Don and Diane Eaton purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Melvin P. Bender.



Don and Diane Eaton - July 11, 2024 at 04:38 PM

CS

“ Chris, Sarah, Chloe, and Colin Saner purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Melvin P. Bender.



Chris, Sarah, Chloe, and Colin Saner - July 11, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin P. Bender.



July 11, 2024 at 01:43 PM

VF

“ Vitry & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin P. Bender.

Vitry & family - July 11, 2024 at 01:43 PM

LL

“ Sympathies to the family
I will always remember Mel when I first became Superintendent at Polk and on the first day we had snow Mel called me at 5 AM to tell me what the weather was like up north only to find I had already been out
Prayers to all of you
Larry Lindquist

Larry Lindquist - July 11, 2024 at 11:57 AM

TK

“ The Family of Steve and Tanya Kier purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin P. Bender.



The Family of Steve and Tanya Kier - July 11, 2024 at 10:40 AM

TK

“ The Family of Steve and Tanya Kier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin P. Bender.

The Family of Steve and Tanya Kier - July 11, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin P. Bender.*



July 11, 2024 at 12:46 AM



“ *Michael and Terri Pesek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin P. Bender.*

Michael and Terri Pesek - July 11, 2024 at 12:46 AM