



Montelle E Babb

March 11, 1924 - December 31, 2017

Montelle E. Babb, 93, of Central City, died on Sunday, December 31, 2017 at Cottonwood Estates in Central City. Funeral services will be on Friday, January 5, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home with Pastor Janice Ferrell officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday, January 4th from 5-7 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City. Interment will be held at Fullerton Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Friday. Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Montelle was born on March 11, 1924 to Roy Ward and Amanda Kay (Knippahls) Babb on the farm near Fullerton. Montelle grew up on the family farm near Fullerton and graduated from Fullerton High School in 1942. Following graduation, Montelle was drafted to the United State Navy in 1943, to serve in World War II aboard the USS James A. Drain. When his enlistment was up he moved back to Fullerton and worked for the Veterinarian in Fullerton. On April 8, 1949, Montelle married Doris Jean Neumann. Then in 1951, Montelle was drafted once again to serve his country during the Korean Conflict. While serving in the Korean Conflict he was aboard the USS Siboney CVE - 112 as well as the USS Hornet CVA-12 as a 2nd Class Gunners Mate. He served in the Navy until 1955. He returned home to farm, but after 5 months he decided he wasn't able to give his family the life he wanted to give them, and he re-enlisted into the United States Army Air Force. He would serve his country and again full time from 1956 until March of 1970 when he

was honorably discharged. During that time he was also involved in the Vietnam War, serving from 1968-1969. He then returned to Fullerton where he would work on the farm, and eventually opened Babb-N-Sons in Central City in 1983. They would move fulltime to Central City in 1986. Montelle ran the store until it closed in 2007.

Montelle enjoyed hunting, fishing, and witching for water. His greatest love was getting to spend time with his family.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children; Ardene Babb of Central City, Carolyn (Jim) Knopik of Belgrade, Amil Babb of Gibbon, Katherine (Rodney) Senkbile of Central City, Tony (Chris) Babb of Fullerton, Roy (Shelly) Babb of St. Edward, and Patricia (David) King of Farmington, NM; one sister; Johnnita Horn of Fullerton, 20 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife; Doris; his parents; and 3 infant grandsons.

Cemetery Details

Fullerton Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
Central City, NE

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ DNWS Family purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of Montelle E Babb.



DNWS Family - January 05, 2018 at 01:42 PM

LH

“ He came out to our farm about 10 yrs. ago & found water, with his divining rod, for our garden well. It was really amazing to watch. I hope he was able to pass on his talent.
Leigh Holtorf

Leigh Hltorf - January 04, 2018 at 10:27 PM

SS

Hi Leigh. I just wanted to let you know that Grandpa Babb passed on his water witching skills to numerous family members and other people!
Stacy Senkbile
(Montelle's granddaughter)

Stacy Senkbile - January 06, 2018 at 08:59 PM

CW

“ Deepest Sympathy to all your family. What an amazing life your dad had, to have fought in three conflicts.

Cathy Werner - January 04, 2018 at 08:28 PM

DF

“ A donation has been made in honor of Montelle Babb to the Wounded Warriors Foundation from Loudoun County B&D Inspections.



danielle frye - January 04, 2018 at 06:02 PM

DB

“ We were saddened to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry we are.
The Blodgett's

Dawn Blodgett - January 04, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Montelle E Babb.



January 04, 2018 at 11:47 AM

LL

“ I enjoyed meeting and visiting with Montelle. We always appreciated sharing a beautiful Easter sunrise service on Babb's Hill west of Fullerton. May God bless your family with His Peace.
Linda Lambert

Linda Lambert - January 03, 2018 at 11:11 PM

TB

“ Good kind man I remember going in to his store as a kid and buying stuff always nice to his costumers



Tagg Burkhardt - January 03, 2018 at 08:23 PM

AB

“ I did not know Mr. Babb for very long, but I must say it was truly an honor and a privilege to have taken care of him for the short time he was with us at Cottonwood Estates. I pray the Lord keeps His ever loving arms around the family of Mr. Babb. I'm sorry for your loss.

angela brandt - January 03, 2018 at 10:28 AM

RK

Angela, thank you for your kind words and sympathy. He was truly a wonderful man. I'm very happy that he had you as a friend at Cottenwood. He very much loved it there. Thanks for making his short stay so meaningful.

Montelle's Granddaughter

Rebecca 💕💕

Rebecca (Becky) Knopik-Cook - January 03, 2018 at 08:11 PM

VW

“ I helped with Doris's funeral. You have our prayers for consolation, comfort & healing. You can be proud of Montelle & hang on the your memories. Pastor Valjean & Ann Warman

Valjean Warman - January 02, 2018 at 10:17 PM

BB

“ *Montelle was a great man and will be missed by many. I've known him and the family over thirty years, and the last time I saw him, (2010) we visited as no years had passed. Prayers to the entire family and may your faith guide you through this difficult time.*

Brenda Brown - January 02, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ *Grew up just on a farm just east of Montelle and Doris. Rode the bus to school with all the kids. Thoughts and prayers to the entire family from Dixie (McCray) Zoucha.*

Dixie Zoucha - January 02, 2018 at 09:28 PM

GS

“ *May God Bless your entire family during this difficult time. May your faith guide you in the days ahead.*



Gene Stevens - January 02, 2018 at 09:20 PM

DW

“ *We will miss Montelle, we have known him many years, he was always there, for a helping hand, what a great man our sympathies to the family. Don & Joyce Williams*

Don & Joyce Williams - January 02, 2018 at 11:24 AM