



Harvey Harms

March 23, 1928 - January 1, 2018

Harvey Harms, 89 of Madrid, passed away Monday, January 1, 2018, at the Imperial Manor in Imperial.

Harvey was born March 23, 1928, on the family farm north of Grinton, NE to William and Mae (Wilbur) Harms. He graduated from Grinton High School with the class of 1946.

In 1948, Harvey entered the US Army where he served as a radio operator as part of the constabulary force in Germany following World War II. Following his discharge in 1952, He returned home to the family farm.

He married Elaine Peres (Browning) on January 16, 1960, to this union 2 children were born. Lana Harms of Mesa, AZ, and Angie Leth (Bob) of Ashby, NE.

On August 3, 1984, Harvey married Pamela G. (Conklin) Ross in North Platte. The couple made their home north of Grinton where they raised their children, farmed, and raised livestock. Harvey loved his life on the farm and continued working into his eighties, and even through a cancer diagnosis. Most recently, Harvey and Pam had been making their home in Madrid.

Harvey was proud to have been a lifelong member of the ag community in Perkins County. He was also very passionate about his livestock, having raised cattle, hogs, chickens, turkeys, peacocks, geese, ducks, and even partridges. Harvey did, however, have an aversion toward raising sheep. He kept vast and impressive gardens, and just had a knack for growing things. The family always canned and gave away their surpluses every year.

To say that Harvey was an avid Husker football and St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan would be an understatement. His trips were always carefully planned during the season to never conflict with his plans to watch the games. He took in baseball games whenever he could, and thoroughly enjoyed talking about the game.

Harvey had a sharp wit and was quite sarcastic. His humor was slightly edgy at times and always seemed to get people to laugh. Never at a loss for one-liners, some of the very best of his turn of phrase were immortalized into what his family and friends affectionately termed "Harveyisms." Harvey considered himself a simple man, and as such, he appreciated the simple pleasures found in farm life, in the company of his family, his dogs, and his grandkids. He enjoyed a good game of pitch, patched up jeans, worn out shirts, nice looking crops, and straight rows.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents; and 11 siblings, Leonard, Earl, Wesley, Raymond, Hazel, Howard, Esther, Agnes, Helen, Earnest, and Bernard.

Survivors include his wife, Pam of Madrid; children, Lana Harms of Mesa, AZ, Angie (Bob) Leth of Ashby, Kathy Ross of Broken Bow, David (June) Ross of England; grandchildren, Emma Leth of Ellsworth, Kayla (Ryon) Carr of Ashby, Scott (Cathy) Leth of Torrington, WY, Lara & Katy Ross both of Wichita, KS, Hannah Barker & Patrick Ross both of Broken Bow; great-grandchildren, Max, Georgie, Kaia, & Kirk; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A memorial has been established in Harvey's memory for later designation. Condolences may be shared at bullocklongfuneralhome.com.

Memorial services will be on Friday, January 5, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the Madrid United Methodist Church with Pastor Tammy Aubushon officiating. Interment of Creains will be in the Wallace Morning View Cemetery.

Bullock-Long Funeral Home of Grant is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



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<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/JYKWJ7L4CCYXYJFJ>

Jason Tickle - January 05, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ SENDING CARING THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS YOUR WAY.

WITH SYMPATHY.
LINDA MORROW

Linda Morrow - January 05, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ Thank you Linda!

Angie Leth - January 06, 2018 at 12:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harvey Harms.



January 04, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ The Trusty's, Jim & Karma, Jim & Diane, Linda purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Harvey Harms.



The Trusty's, Jim & Karma, Jim & Diane, Linda - January 04, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Harvey Harms.



January 03, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ Harvey was my favorite uncle even though I never got to see him very much in the last few years. When I was in grade school I would go out to grandma's place and help grandma with some chores and do things with Harvey while milked the cows. I put the milk in the separator which we had to crank it by hand, then grandma would have cream for cooking and milk to drink. The extra milk that was left over went to feed the hogs. Harvey was fun to be with and he taught me a lot about the farm. I would go with him to check fence lines and even help dig out fences that was buried by sand storms. Then we would check the electric fence to keep the weeds and tumble weeds from shorting the fence out. Harvey would also joke with me and play tricks on me. One of his favorite tricks while walking the fence line was to grab my hand and with his other hand grab the electric fence. Well that was quite an experience, but I didn't learn very quick for he would catch me off guard several times. Later, after I got a little older Harvey started letting me drive the tractors in the fields and I really enjoyed that. Harvey was always there for me and treated me very well. I never did see him go with out smiling and never got mad. If I did anything wrong, he would show me and explain things to me. I know he will be missed very much by all of us, but he will be in our hearts forever. He is at his new home in heaven now and watching over all of us.

Charles "Butch" Heinis

Charles Heinis - January 03, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ Awesome Memories!
Thank you so much for sharing!

Angie Leth - January 03, 2018 at 07:20 PM



“ Harvey was my Grandpa's Earl brother. They looked so much alike. Thinking of you at this time.

Donna Harms Blohn

Donna Blohn - January 03, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ Thank you Donna!
Angie Harms Leth
Harvey's daughter

Angie Leth - January 07, 2018 at 10:09 PM