



Bruce Donald Gates

March 1, 1926 - October 23, 2023

Bruce Donald Gates was born March 1, 1926, in Waterloo, Nebraska to Charles and Effie (Morgan) Gates. Bruce grew up in Waterloo until enlisting in the United States Coast Guard at the age of 17.

Bruce married the love of his life, Mary Frances Shepherd in February 1950, and to this union three children were born: John, Joanne, and Barbara. After traveling for work, he and Mary settled and raised the family in Valley, Nebraska.

Bruce worked in construction most of his life, but his favorite was farming, and in his later years, working at the sand pit near Valley for Lyman Richey. But he was so much more; fun, kind, generous, smart, and most of all, loved! He will be missed always!

Bruce passed away at his home in Valley, Nebraska on October 23, 2023, at the age of 97 years, 7 months and 22 days. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary, parents Charles & Effie, brothers Jack, Dennis, Keith and Bob and sister Polly. Bruce is survived by his children John Gates of Valley, Joanne & Dennis Lemme of Omaha, Barbara & Scott Voss of Elkhorn, 6 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, his special sisters-in-law Jayne Gates and Bess Shepherd, many nieces and nephews, and his cat, Cali.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Faith Community Church
218 West Gardiner Street
Valley, NE 68064