



Charles Benjamin Safford

September 1, 1921 - May 11, 2009

Charles Benjamin Safford was born on September 1, 1921 on the family farm south of Waterloo, Nebraska to Frank and Naomi (Warren) Safford. He grew up on the farm, attended District 14 grade school and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1939. Charles attended classes at Grace Bible Institute in Omaha. He served his country during World War II with the United States Coast Guard from 1942 to 1946, spending time in New Guinea, Japan and the Philippines.

Charles married Marjorie Swenson on November 8, 1953 at the Alliance Church in Fremont, Nebraska and to this union three children were born: Edward, Rachel and Bradley. Charles and Marjorie raise their family south of Waterloo near the original family farm.

Charles has worked in farming all of his life, first on his own and later for the University of Nebraska in their test fields near Mead. He enjoyed woodworking, reading, collecting items especially miniature tractors and rides in the country. Charles was very active in the church, always available to work on any project. He loved to tell stories, joke and tease and he treasured the time he could spend with his family all gathered together. Charles was a man of strong faith and strong family.

Charles passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home on the farm at the

age of 87 years, 8 months and 10 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Naomi, wife Marjorie, brothers Warren and Bob and sister Frances Fast. Charles is survived by his children Edward and Diane of Valley, Nebraska, Rachel and Sandy Chaney of Elkhorn, Nebraska and Bradley of Waterloo, Nebraska; 7 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren; brothers John of Winterset, Iowa and Frank "Stub" of Valley, Nebraska; sister Lois Harriger of Waterloo, Nebraska.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Benjamin Safford*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss..I know your pain..Remember all the good times with your dad..He was such a sweet and gentle man..I will miss seeing him..My sympathies to all of you and your families*

Nancy Sake - May 16, 2009 at 09:35 AM



“ *Dear Rachel & Sandy, Ed and family,*

You have our deepest sympathy. May God be with you now and in the days ahead and bring you peace. May it bring you comfort knowing your Dad is resting in God's arms now.

Jayne and Neil Gustafson

Jayne and Neil Gustafson - May 13, 2009 at 05:23 AM