



## Donald Lee Mackling

May 18, 1931 - February 6, 2024

Donald L. Mackling (May 18, 1931 - February 6, 2024)

Donald L. Mackling, a dedicated community leader and lifelong farmer, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2024, at Esprit Whispering Ridge in Omaha, surrounded by his loving family. He was 92 years old.

Born in Emerson, Nebraska, Donald spent the majority of his life on the Mackling family farm, cultivating a deep connection to the land. The Mackling farm became a testament to his hard work, resilience, and commitment to his family. Donald loved his family more than anything, and he instilled in them that same love and commitment to one another. He was also dedicated to his community, serving as the Dixon County commissioner for 25 years. His commitment to public service extended to St. Luke's church, where he dedicated many years to serving on the board.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Clara (Hopp) Mackling, his brothers Ivan, Lloyd, and Eugene, his sisters Dorothy Carper and Jennilou Heitzman, and his sons Brian, Greg, and Jeff.

He is survived by his devoted son Vaughn and grandchildren Shelly (Chad) Metschke, Brian (Debbie) Mackling, Jon Mackling, Dawn (Eric) Beacom, and 15 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, June Meech, in

Redlands, California and many nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM.

Rose Hill Cemetery - Emerson, NE  
Emerson, NE

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Mackling.*



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February 07, 2024 at 10:17 PM



“ *Shelly, Chad and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Lee Mackling.*

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**Shelly, Chad and family** - February 07, 2024 at 10:17 PM