



Frank Fanta

October 11, 1931 - August 26, 2021

Frank was born in a sod house in Sargent, Nebraska on October 11, 1931. The second oldest of seven children born to John and Marie Fanta. His parents were from Czechoslovakia and were early homesteaders in Custer County, Nebraska. The family lived on several farms in central Nebraska. Growing up Frank learned to hunt, farm the land using horses, and helped out on neighboring farms beginning at the age of 10.

At 17 years of age, he enlisted in the Air Force. The country boy traveled first to San Antonio, Texas for basic training and was then stationed in many different places including: Fairbanks, Alaska; Honolulu, Hawaii; Guam; Greenland; and Saudi Arabia. While stationed at MacDill Air Force Base in St. Petersburg, Florida, he met and married his wife Victoria. They were happily married for 56 years.

In 1971, Frank and Vicki purchased an acreage in Sarpy County, Nebraska. There they raised their three daughters. Frank farmed his land and enjoyed growing vegetables, fruit trees, and raising animals. In addition, Frank worked at Offutt Air Force Base as a mechanic. He could fix anything or jury-rig a solution. His time in the Air Force made him so knowledgeable about airplanes he could recognize them by their sound or silhouette in the sky. Frank enjoyed polka music and occasionally played the accordion and harmonica. He was an avid Husker football fan and “holy man, women, and child” did he enjoy Lyell Bremser’s commentary on KFAB radio and the Tom Osbourne era.

Frank was active in the care of his daughters. He proudly attended their college graduations and weddings. He loved babies and when grandchildren arrived, he spoiled them. He was nicknamed "Grandpa Naps" as no fussy baby could resist his large hands and warm cuddling. He had fond memories of sleeping babies nestled into his neck, teaching them how to walk, and patiently indulged any playful whim.

After a difficult struggle with Parkinson's Disease, he died peacefully on August 26, 2021. Frank is survived by his wife Victoria; daughters and sons-in-law Helen Young (Ed), Cecilia Reynolds (Pat), and Kathleen Uehling (Tim); grandchildren Nic and Peyton Young, Emily and Sean Reynolds, and Josh, Matt, and Jake Uehling; and his siblings Jerry Fanta (Carol), Emma Trouba, and Evelyn Martens (John).

Visitation will be September 3, 2021, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., at Reichmuth Funeral Home, 21910 West Maple Road, Elkhorn, Nebraska. The funeral will also be held at Reichmuth Funeral Home the following morning at 10:00 a.m. Frank will be laid to rest at Omaha National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Omaha National Cemetery

14250 Schram Road
Omaha, NE 68138

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Vigil

SEP 3. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Frank Fanta*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - September 03, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ *Frank Fanta*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I was just a young man when I worked with frank at offer Air Force base as a mechanic I will always remember him as a big man but as a very nice and kind man he will be missed*

richard kattleman - September 22, 2021 at 09:08 PM

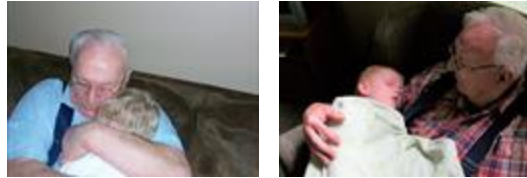


“ *It is always sad to loose a fellow farmer. With Dad gone in 2017 and Mom in April, the Green family want to send prayers and thoughts to your family.*

Amy Green - September 03, 2021 at 03:15 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kathy - September 02, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Frank Fanta.



September 01, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Frank Fanta.



September 01, 2021 at 09:20 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Frank Fanta.



September 01, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Frank Fanta.*



September 01, 2021 at 11:54 AM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Pat Reynolds - August 31, 2021 at 05:54 PM



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“ Frank: thanks for everything! Thanks for being a role model for us all. Thanks for everything my kids learned from their “Papa” at an early age - like how to ride horsies in the living room, play “musical instruments,” take naps (we didn’t call you Grandpa Nap for nothing), ride a bike when you can’t reach the pedals, play with and drive tractors (wish I could find a picture of the gate), give bear hugs, solve complicated puzzles, and help their elders up the hill at the zoo. And thank you for being the best father-in-law a guy could ask for. We’ll miss you!



Pat Reynolds - August 31, 2021 at 05:51 PM