



## Melvin Lloyd Tiedje

June 18, 1930 - June 28, 2021

Melvin Lloyd Tiedje was born June 18, 1930; the third of four children to C. Herman and Kate (Sass) Tiedje at the family farm in rural Douglas County. He attended Country School through the 8th grade and then began to work full time on the farm with his family. He held many differing jobs as a young adult including hauling milk, cleaning out rail cars, and beginning to dabble in car mechanics. In 1951, he was drafted and served in the army during the Korean War. He served his country honorably overseas for the majority of his tenure and returned to the states in 1952. He was discharged in December, 1952 and returned to the Bennington area where he would spend the majority of his life.

Melvin married Mary Ann Holling on May 22, 1954 at Zion Lutheran Church and to this union two daughters were born; Melanie and Melissa. Melvin and Mary Ann began their married life in Bennington, NE, but in 1957 moved into their newly constructed home near 144th and Ida. They continued to live in this home together until Mary Ann passed away in 2003. Melvin then moved to Bennington, first to his own home and then during the last several years following a fall and stroke to Ridgewood Retirement Community. The last weeks of his life were spent at Brookestone Village in Omaha.

Melvin began working at an early age and worked hard throughout his life. He began his life long career as a mechanic at a garage in Elkhorn, NE, then at Decker Ford in Benson and finally at Northwestern Bell. He also did custom

corn picking and hay baling for many years while working nights at his full-time job. He retired in his fifties from Northwestern Bell and he and Mary Ann enjoyed their early retirement by gardening, helping with their daughters' projects, caring for their grandkids, and sometimes though rarely, just relaxing. He and his family continued to care for Flower Hill Cemetery well into his 80s, a job that began in 1970.

Unfortunately, Melvin was forced into a new job when he became a full-time caregiver for his wife, when Mary Ann was diagnosed with a rare neurologic disease. He lovingly cared for all her needs for many years until her death. Melvin enjoyed a life well lived. He loved to visit with friends, spend time with his family; particularly with his grandchildren, reminisce about the past; which he had a great ability to recall, tinker with repairs and mechanical problems, and to shop for and purchase new vehicles, particularly pickups in his later years. Up until his death he was a wealth of information on many topics for his kids and grandkids.

Melvin passed away on Monday, June 28th 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, brother LeRoy, and sister Lois. Melvin is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Melanie and Neil Ohms of Harlan, Iowa and Melissa and Mike Burk of Omaha; four grandchildren Daniel Ohms, Matt Burk (Courtney), Nathan Ohms, and Mackenzie Burk (fiancé Brendan); great grandchild Henry Burk; sister Evelyn Novotny, brothers and sisters-in-law Bunny Holling, Reverend Ronald and Judith Holling, Jean Tiedje; cousins, nephews, nieces and many friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Flower Hill Cemetery-Omaha

144th Street, N. of Fort St.  
Omaha, NE 68164

# Previous Events

## Family will receive friends

JUN 30. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
142 & Ida Street  
Omaha, NE 68102

## Funeral Service

JUN 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church  
142 & Ida Street  
Omaha, NE 68102

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Lloyd Tiedje*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Melvin was a great friend to my Dad, Deryle Heger. I have fond memories of your Mom & Dad visiting us when we lived on 168th and Q. Your Mom was a sweetheart, and your Dad always had a smile, and a good story or two. Mom usually served a little late night lunch as was the custom on visits back then. I remember Melvin teasing me because I ate my cake with milk poured over it. He and Dad knew so many of the same people and could talk for hours. Again, my deepest condolences.*

**Marilee Jean Polacek** - July 01, 2021 at 07:46 AM



“ *Anything for You was purchased for the family of Melvin Lloyd Tiedje.*



June 29, 2021 at 08:17 AM