



Norbert Augustine Pieper

October 23, 1930 - June 1, 2026

Norbert Augustine Pieper, age 95, of Bennington, Nebraska, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2026.

Norbert was born on October 23, 1930, on the family farm near Dodge, Nebraska, to Theodore and Clara (Kroenke) Pieper. Raised in rural Nebraska, he attended a one-room country school through third grade, later attending Catholic school in Dodge before graduating from Dodge High School in 1946 at the age of sixteen.

On July 19, 1949, Norbert married, Delma Pauline Mendlik, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dodge. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, hard work, and community. Their marriage was blessed with twelve children, all of whom are a source of tremendous pride and joy.

Following high school, Norbert farmed alongside his father and brother Bernard. In 1961, he partnered with his brother Bernard in purchasing an Oliver franchise and operating a farm implement business under the name Pieper Implement. In 1975, Norbert and Bernard purchased Marsoun's Tavern in Dodge. Norbert renamed the tavern Godfather's, which he operated until 1978 while continuing to farm. He retired from farming in 1992.

Norbert was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn; he faithfully prayed the rosary every day.

Norbert lived with awareness of the small blessings in life. He enjoyed playing cards, visiting small-town taverns with friends, tending the flowers and trees on his farm, caring for birds, and cheering on Nebraska football. He loved

serving as a recycling volunteer in Dodge, and there was always room for a piece of pie, a scoop of ice cream, or a cold beer. He treasured the companionship of his dogs, Monster and Smokey.

More than any accomplishment, Norbert's greatest legacy is the family he and Delma raised and instilled with values of hard work, sacrifice, and respect for others. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend whose steady presence, wisdom, and sense of humor was a source of light to countless lives.

Norbert was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Clara Pieper; his brother, Bernard Pieper; his sisters, Virginia Kreikemeier and Mariann Polodna; a son-in-law, and numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law.

He is survived by his amazing wife, Delma; his twelve children: Gerald (Lori), Mary Guetterman, Carolyn (Alvin) Hunke, Ted (Carol), Mike (Diane), Janice (Jay) Muller, Mark (Suzanne), Tim (Kate), Tom (Dianne), Norbert Jr., Julie, Chris (Kathy) and special family friend Diego Valencia, 33 grandchildren and 51 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; extended family members; and many dear friends who will cherish his memory.

Visitation will be held at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn on Thursday, June 4th from 4-7 with rosary at 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Elkhorn on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 11 a.m. with burial at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in Dodge, Nebraska.

Memorials may be directed according to family wishes.

The family would like to thank his caregivers, friends, and loved ones who supported Norbert throughout his life and final days.

Cemetery Details

St. Wenceslaus Cemetery

Dodge, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
402-289-2222
services@reichmuthfuneralhomes.com
<https://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com/>

Vigil service

JUN 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of the Christian Burial

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
18602 W. Maple Street
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Graveside Service

JUN 5. 3:00 PM.

St. Wenceslaus Cemetery
Dodge, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norbert Augustine Pieper.*



June 04 at 02:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norbert Augustine Pieper.*



June 04 at 02:15 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Norbert Augustine Pieper.*



June 04 at 02:15 PM



“ *Chris, Tracy, Oliver and Sloane Vogel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Norbert Augustine Pieper.*



Chris, Tracy, Oliver and Sloane Vogel - June 04 at 12:43 PM

CV

“ Chris, Tracy, Oliver and Sloane Vogel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Norbert Augustine Pieper.

Chris, Tracy, Oliver and Sloane Vogel - June 04 at 12:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norbert Augustine Pieper.



June 03 at 11:39 AM

SS

“ Sid Dillon Fremont stores purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Norbert Augustine Pieper.



Sid Dillon Fremont stores - June 03 at 11:03 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norbert Augustine Pieper.



June 03 at 10:45 AM

TK

“ *Tim and Caroline Krueger purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Norbert Augustine Pieper.*



Tim and Caroline Krueger - June 03 at 10:11 AM

MM

“ *My sincere condolences to Delma and the entire family. I will offer a special Rosary on Friday for the Repose of his Soul*

Marietta Mandel - June 02 at 05:50 PM

FE

“ *From Ag 91 Energy Employees purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Norbert Augustine Pieper.*



From Ag 91 Energy Employees - June 02 at 12:56 PM



“ *Angel's Embrace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norbert Augustine Pieper.*



June 02 at 10:47 AM

MD

“ *He was the best uncle! Funny and always took time to talk to you. We visited and stayed at the farm many times. So many great memories to cherish. Rest in peace Uncle Norbert. There are many up above waiting to play Pinochle! And drink a few beers!* 🌹 ♠️ 🍺

Marlene Dworak - June 02 at 10:11 AM