



Walter "Walt" Allen Sass

June 12, 1939 - August 13, 2025

Walter Allen "Walt" Sass was born June 12, 1939, in Omaha, Nebraska. He was the fourth child of William and Lora (Frost) Sass. He was so small when born that he could fit in a shoe box. He had a difficult birth, and the doctor said he should be named after him (and he was).

He moved with his family to the farm south of Kennard, Nebraska when he was 5, and except for just a few years, he lived there for the rest of his life. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bennington, Nebraska and attended Elkhorn High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1956-1958 and was stationed in Okinawa and Camp Pendleton. Even though he served in the Marines, he never learned to swim. He met his wife Gloria (Raabe) at Sunset Speedway and they were married October 23, 1964.

Walt spent his life as a truck driver. His first trucking job was with B&S Trucking. The rest of his truck driving career was spent hauling groceries. He worked at the same location, but for three different companies: Safeway, Nash-Finch, and United AG. He was proud to say that throughout the changes, he always kept the same locker.

Walt and Gloria moved to the farm in 1970. He worked nights while trucking and farmed and raised cows in his spare time. He was very happy when he could hand the farming over to his son, Tim. In his retirement, he enjoyed being able to just help with the farming, having coffee at Cubby's, driving to check on everything going on in Tim and Troy's shops and taking care of his

many cats and dogs. He also enjoyed watching old western movies, and he watched them over and over again.

He loved being a grandpa and became "PaPa Wally" when the great grandkids came along. He enjoyed attending his granddaughter's sporting events and activities.

Walt was a father-figure and grandfather to many of his children's and grandchildren's friends, and several became a part of his family.

Walt was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Rollie, his sisters Marie and Helen, and his son-in-law Mike. He is survived by his wife Gloria, daughter Wendy Christensen, sons Tim (Tami) Sass and Troy Sass, Don (Tawnya) Rayman, his sister Sylvia Green, granddaughters, Cecelia Sass, Brooke (Drew) Harsin, Taylor Petersen, and Jessica (Devan) Murcek, his great grandchildren Sophie, Blakely, Bridger, Halle, Devan, Harley, Audrey, Julian, Raeynn, Gavin and Lucas, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be held Sunday, August 17 from 3-7 PM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn. Private interment will take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to the family for later designation.

Cemetery Details

Prairie View Cemetery

County Road 38
Kennard, NE 68034

Previous Events

Gathering of family and friends

AUG 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - August 20, 2025 at 12:42 PM

TK

“ *My sincerest condolences, Troy and extended family. RIP and Semper Fidelis, Walt. CWO5 Terry Kunneman, USMC (Retired)*

Terry Kunneman - August 17, 2025 at 04:10 PM

LC

“ *Lee & Pam Camenzind purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.*



Lee & Pam Camenzind - August 16, 2025 at 02:01 PM

BF

“ *Ben & Sunny Felner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.*



Ben & Sunny Felner - August 16, 2025 at 10:46 AM

LK

“ Liz, Melissa, Jenn, and Keri purchased the Full of Love Bouquet for the family of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.



Liz, Melissa, Jenn, and Keri - August 16, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.



August 16, 2025 at 07:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.

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DB

“ Denison and Julie Bowman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.

Denison and Julie Bowman - August 15, 2025 at 02:27 PM

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“ Denison and Julie Bowman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.



Denison and Julie Bowman - August 15, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.



August 15, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.



August 15, 2025 at 10:26 AM

MH

“ Mark and Darleen Hartle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.

Mark and Darleen Hartle - August 15, 2025 at 09:54 AM

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“ *Mark and Darleen Hartle purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Walter "Walt" Allen Sass.*



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