

Thomas "Tom" Hoffman, 68

Dec. 19, 1946 - May 28, 2015

WALNUT — Thomas "Tom"

George Hoffman, son of Albert and Sophie (Brinks) Hoffman, was born December 19, 1946 in Carroll. Tom was one of five children who was baptized and confirmed at Mary's Catholic Church in Willey. He attended school in Willey through the 8th grade when he left to go work on the family farm. He was drafted into the military and served from 1966 to 1967 for the United States Army during the Vietnam War with the 1st 28th Big Red One unit. On March 27, 1967, Tom was awarded the Bronze Star as well as the Vietnam Bronze Star for heroism in ground combat. He was then awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on May 10, 1967. Tom was honorably discharged from the Army on April 4, 1972.



Tom was united in marriage to Phyllis Schmidt on October 20, 1967 at the Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. To this union four children were born: Jerry, Steve, Brian and Jenny. Farming was Tom's life and passion. In 1969, shortly after Tom and Phyllis were married, they bought and farmed 120 acres south of Elk Horn. Tom operated a custom hay grinder and did custom farm operating for area farmers for many years. In 1989, they sold the 120 acres and bought an acreage outside of Walnut. Tom was also very passionate about his livestock and he was happiest when he was in the field in the tractor. Tom later went to work for Nash Farms where he was the hired man for twenty years until his retirement in 2015. Other interests he had when not on the farm were fishing, cooking, dancing to polka music, and spending time with his grandchildren. Tom was also very good with machinery able to fix almost anything on the farm that needed attention. Tom died at his farm outside of Walnut on Thursday, May 28, 2015 having attained the age of sixty-eight years, five months and nine days.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents. Tom is survived by his wife Phyllis Hoffman of Walnut; children Jerry Hoffman and his wife Robin of Elk Horn; Steve Hoffman of Granville; Brian Hoffman of Exira; and Jenny and her husband Jeff Boelter of Schleswig; thirteen grandchildren; four step-great grandchildren; sisters: Lou Meister of Hubbard; Pat Lengeman of Urbandale and Bev Rowedder of Manning; brother Cliff Hoffman and his wife Diane of Carroll; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Pastor Keith Menter led a graveside service at Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut on Monday June 1, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. for Tom. His grandchildren were honorary casket bearers: Kristen Hoffman, Kelsi Hoffman, Nick Hoffman, Austin Hoffman, Carter Hoffman, McKenzie Hoffman, Josh Boelter and Jake Boelter. Casket bearers were: Gary Nash, Hawk Hoffman, Gary Young, Oggie Sampson, Pete Horne, Jordan Hoffman, Bob Ponzer and Charlie Wyatt.

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