

## William D. Wrich, 80

July 30, 1936 - Nov. 19, 2016

**HARLAN** — William D.

Wrich was born on July 30, 1936 at the family home in rural Kennard, NE. He attended LaCrone country school just north of the family home, and later attended Blair High School, where he drove a Model T to school. Bill began racing at Arlington Speedway at 16. Due to his young age his father had to give permission for him to participate. On June 26, 1956 he was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, Joyce Larsen, at the First United Methodist Church in Blair.



Bill and Joyce took over the family farm in 1969, and enjoyed a successful farming and livestock career for nearly 60 years.

Bill served as a Washington County Supervisor for a decade, was a member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Community Board, and The Prairie View Cemetery Board. During his years of racing he won many championships at local tracks in Nebraska and Iowa, and in 2008 was inducted into the Nebraska Racing Hall of Fame. The Wrich family was a recipient of the Pioneer Farm Family Award in 2012. As this year's fall harvest came to an end, Bill was making plans for future farming and racing. Bill loved going for rides with Joyce and his dog Willie, never taking the same road twice.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, son Dwight Wrich, brother Virgil Wrich, an infant sister, and brother in law Ray Schneider.

Bill is survived by his wife Joyce of Kennard, daughter Debbie and husband Scott Kerber of Marshfield, MO, daughter Jacque and husband Mike Salerno of Omaha, NE, daughter-in-law Patty Wrich and husband Jeff Konen of Omaha, NE, daughter Gayle and husband Greg Russell of Arlington, NE, son Randy Larsen and wife Bonnie of Cave Creek, AZ, son Rick Larsen of Omaha, NE, sister Jeanette Schneider of Kennard, NE, sister in law Shirley Wrich of Blair, NE, grandchildren; Stephanie Kerber, Tony (Amy) Salerno, Anna Salerno, Katie Salerno, Maria Salerno, Laura Salerno, Morgan Wrich (Seth Gebers), Carsten Wrich, Jamie Johnston, Jeffrey Kauffman, Emily Larsen, Delaney Larsen, Logan Graf, and Alex Graf, great grandchildren; Jaxlynn and Paxley Johnston, Adalina and Micah Salerno, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to The American Heart Association or The Kennard Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad.

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