



Robert Edd Sterling

December 22, 1929 - November 4, 2018

Funeral services for Robert Edd Sterling will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 9, 2018, at the Hardtner Methodist Church with Pastor Margaret Johnson officiating. Interment will be in the Hardtner Cemetery under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Robert Edd Sterling, son of the late Edd L. and Helena (Bartz) Sterling, was born December 22, 1929, at Wichita, Kansas, and passed away November 4, 2018, at Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 88 years 10 months, and 13 days.

Robert grew up in Hardtner and graduated from Hardtner High School. He then obtained his Agronomy Degree from Kansas State University, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. While attending KSU, he met Janice Sue Wiley. They were married April 27, 1952, in El Dorado, Kansas.

In 1951, Bob enlisted in the United States Army. After his enlistment was up, he reenlisted and another term, serving almost 4 years in the service with over two years serving in Germany. He was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant in 1955.

After his discharge, Bob and Sue lived on the farm near Hardtner, where they raised their three children, Steven Edward, Sydney Sue, and Samuel Benson.

He worked as a farmer/stockman most of his life. He also operated the Kiowa Sales Barn from 1968 until 1980. Yur Place was a very popular eating establishment in Hardtner where he was a famous breakfast cook for many years.

He was a member of the American Legion, the Kansas Livestock Association, and Kiowa Masonic Lodge, Consistory, and he was also a Shriner. He served on the Hardtner School Board and the Hardtner Chamber of Commerce.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, one who died in infancy and, Erma McQuirk and her husband, Temple; one brother William (Bill) Sterling and his wife, Joyce; three nephews, Mike Sterling, Patrick Sterling, Mac Ewing; one niece, Sharon Sterling; and one great niece, Kim Barber.

Robert is survived by his wife of 66 years, Sue Sterling; his children, Steve and wife, Joni, and Sydney; and Sam and wife, Shannon; six grandsons, Brandt Sterling and husband, Austin, of Oklahoma City, Austin and wife, Sarah, of Lakewood, Colorado, Jordan of San Francisco, California, Chance and fiance, Holly, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Cash of Kansas City, Missouri, and Cayde of Manhattan, Kansas; four granddaughters, Darbi Hinde and husband, Daniel, of Alva, Justine Converse and husband, Chris, of Dallas, Texas, and Kena Sterling and Konli Sterling, both of Pratt, Kansas; two step grandchildren, Adison Smith and Garret Smith, both of Manhattan, Kansas; two great granddaughters, Savannah Sterling of Lakewood, Colorado, and Sawyer Hinde of Alva; two great grandsons, Charlie and Harrison Converse of Dallas, Texas; his niece, Anne Barber and husband, Ray, of Wichita, Kansas; his nephew, Burke Ewing and wife, Marilyn, of Amarillo, Texas; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Hardtner

Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Hardtner Cemetery

Hardtner, KS

Previous Events

Service

NOV 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hardtner Methodist Church
200 Mail Street
Hardtner, KS 67057

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Edd Sterling*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.*



November 09, 2018 at 10:12 AM



“ *If you never met Bob Sterling you missed ONE of the greatest experiences of your lifetime. Once you meet Bob you will never forget him and he will never forget him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all his family, may GOD surround you with LOVE. Enjoy his memories I know we will. Sorry for your loss.*

Jim & Marilyn Davison - November 09, 2018 at 09:45 AM



“ *Tim Hellman and the rest of the Lotus Operating Co. staff send our deepest sympathy's to the Robert Sterling family. He will be truly missed.*

Tim Hellman - November 09, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Marshall Funeral Homes - November 08, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.



November 08, 2018 at 03:15 PM



“ Bob was the most generous and loving person i have ever know. He did so many nice thing for my mother when she was alive.. like making sure she got to the kiowa for theater and meals. She loved him dearly. Syd and her boys were always so thoughtful and kin also. He was a great civic leader in Hardther and will be missed by many. Thoughts and Prayers go out to his family.. Steve and Mike Ewing.

Steven Ewing - November 08, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.



November 08, 2018 at 01:57 PM

TF

“ *The Horsch Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.*



The Horsch Family - November 08, 2018 at 01:17 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.*



November 08, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.*



November 08, 2018 at 11:27 AM

MC

“ One of Hardtner's colorful characters will be sorely missed. Hardtner won't be the same without Bob Sterling. I have known him my entire life while growing up in Hardtner.

From fellow ranchers helping each other to the pitch parties throughout the years to Mule Creek picnics to Sterling's Barn to working at the Ranch House Restaurant – all of it was a joy.

When seeing Bob and Sue, you were always greeted with a smile and a laugh and a hug and you automatically felt your spirits lift when around them both. They were great friends, neighbors and employers. These two were the hardest working people that I have ever known and they'd do everything for you if you were in need of help. Prayers and love to the Sterling family.

Mollie Cook - November 07, 2018 at 09:37 PM

GF

“ Gary and Renee Schultz Family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.



Gary and Renee Schultz Family - November 07, 2018 at 05:43 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.



November 07, 2018 at 05:08 PM

TF

“ *The Dwayne and Curtis Clark Families purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.*



The Dwayne and Curtis Clark Families - November 07, 2018 at 04:18 PM

FE

“ *From All of us at Kansas Ethanol purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.*



From All of us at Kansas Ethanol - November 07, 2018 at 11:38 AM

HM

“ *Steve and I started school at Hardtner and went from kindergarten through graduation together as did my sister Lesa and Syd. That makes for lots of memories! We all worked for Bob and Sue at the Ranch House, even sister Dot, and will never forget our time spent there! There was always jokes and teasing going on. It is with heavy hearts we say goodbye and give our condolences to our life long friends. Love you Steve. Rest in peace Bob, you will be missed. "*
Homer "
From "3 sisters". Homa Lea Masters, Lesa Bergren, Dot Tyree, and families.

Homer Masters - November 07, 2018 at 04:44 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.*



November 06, 2018 at 10:16 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to each of you. He was quite a guy. He will be missed by many.*

*Catherine Rose
Mission, TX*

Catherine - November 06, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.*



November 06, 2018 at 04:58 PM

JA

“ Never forget when I was president of Lone Eagle 4-H Club and Bob was to be our Auctioneer for our box supper. I told the joke that when Bob was in Auctioneer school, he was given a mouthful of marbles to practice with. He was told that each day he could spit out a marble and after he had lost all of his marbles, then he would be an auctioneer!! Bob immediately told a joke on me and went right to the auction.

His smile will always be remembered as a welcome to Yur Place!!

Jim Adams

Jim Adams - November 06, 2018 at 03:44 PM

JW

I worked for Bob & Sue in the 80s. I always admired the way they conducted their business but after leaving Kiowa I moved to Halstead. My neighbor asked if I knew Bob after finding out where I came from. He knew Bob as one of the bankers Sterling Farms did business with. My admiration grew substantially after our conversation. Financially the 80s were a dark time but Bob went to all his creditors asking how he could work with them to repay his debt. That in itself speaks highly of the character of this man. He will be missed by many.

Janis Rogers Wright

Janis Rogers Wright - November 06, 2018 at 07:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.*



November 06, 2018 at 02:04 PM

LD

“ I have so many great memories of Bob during my family's time spent in Kiowa and Hartner. He was so generous with his love for people and his community. Praying for peace and comfort for Bob's family.

Lynn Denton - November 06, 2018 at 09:33 AM

TR

“ Darbi, Daniel and Sterling Family, I am so sorry for your loss! May GOD wrap his loving arms around each one of you during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Tami Rose

Tami Rose - November 06, 2018 at 07:02 AM

 Kelli Rendon

“ Kelli Rendon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Edd Sterling.



Kelli Rendon - November 06, 2018 at 06:58 AM

 Kelli Rendon

“ I grew up knowing this wonderful man. There is no one like him in this world. He will be missed greatly.

Kelli Rendon - November 06, 2018 at 06:55 AM

JT

“ I have so many memories of Bob. He was a good man and friend to many. He will be missed.

John Thomas - November 06, 2018 at 01:41 AM

DW

“ Dudley & I were sad to see Bob's pix in the obits! We had many breakfasts & lunches at Yur Place. He was always in good humor. God bless all his family. Our prayers, sympathy & love sent your way....



Dudley & Jeanne Winn - November 05, 2018 at 10:04 PM