



Benjamin E. Fricke

December 28, 1929 - May 7, 2018

Benjamin E. Fricke, 88, of David City passed away May 7, 2018 at the St. Joseph's Villa.

Memorials have been suggested to: Aquinas Guardian Angel Fund, Presentation Parish, and Masses.

Benjamin was born December 28, 1929 to Ernest F. and Catherine(Kucera) Fricke on a farm near Rising City. He attended school through the 11th grade, until he went to farm. Ben was united in marriage to Arlene Novacek on January 4, 1949 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Schuyler.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the NFO(National Farmers Organization). Ben enjoyed going to all types of auctions, working with cattle and visiting with everyone. He was great at telling jokes and making new friends.

One of his favorites sayings was "Grandma and I started out with nothing, and we still have most of it left."

Ben is survived by his wife: Arlene of 68 years; children: JoAnn(John) Messing, of Shelby, Teresa Fricke, of Pleasant Valley, MO, Marcia(Larry) Dittfurth, of College Station, TX, Dan(Darcee) Fricke, of Lincoln, Mary(Matt) Parker, of Harrison, NE and son-in-law: Ben Syring, of David City; sisters: Rose Marie Kobza, Arliene(Joe) Kobza, Ramona Davis, Marilyn(Zeke) Zegers; sister-in-law: Andrea Fricke; brother-in-law: Rodney Powell; 24 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter: Jean Syring; siblings: Christopher(Gladys) Fricke, Gary Fricke, Evie(Walt) Daro, Anna Mae Powell; brothers-in-law: Richard Kobza, and Robert Davis; and great-grandchildren: Stephanie Syring and Calvin Sundberg.

Cemetery

St. Mary's & St. Peter Cemetery (Marietta)

1141 41 Road

Bellwood, NE, 68624

Events

MAY **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Presentation Parish

1291 41 Road, Bellwood, NE, US,
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MAY **Knights of Columbus** 07:00PM

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Rosary

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MAY **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ My condolences for the passing of Ben. I was a foster child of their's. God bless.

Lonny Aughe - October 31, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ Mary,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad! He was such a good neighbor to Cindy and Shorty for so many years and was so kind to all of us a few years back when we were home visiting. He had our family over to see his farm, the animals, tractors, etc. What a wonderful man he was. Will be thinking of you and your family as you grieve this painful loss. It is so difficult losing a parent! With sincere sympathy,
Chris (Kuhnel) Edmonds

Chris - May 17, 2018 at 05:15 PM



“ Chris, thank you so much for your kind words! We were very blessed to have such a wonderful dad! He did love his farm and people, and loved to share with others! And we are very grateful for Shorty and Cindy's care for mom and dad - and their wonderful hospitality to some of my kids when they came out for the funeral! Mary

Mary Parker - May 18, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ May fond memories of Ben bring you comfort during this sad time in your lives. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. We never forget our Aquinas families despite the distance and passing years.

Lynn and Joyce Johanson

Lynn Johanson - May 14, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ I remember the few times i spent with Mr. Fricke. They were interesting and funny. He was friendly and very easy to talk with and was concerned about my family. I know he knew the Lord! My condolences to his beautiful wife, children, grand children and great grand children and extended family. May the Holy Comforter be with you all. To comfort you all in your time of need. I love you all and most of all JESUS loves you too!

Marti Syring - May 12, 2018 at 08:24 AM



“ I was so sad to hear of Ben’s passing. My deepest sympathy to the whole family.



Cathy (Berglund) Greguras - May 11, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ Marcia, my prayers are with you and your family. So sorry for your loss.
Theresa Homan

Theresa Homan - May 09, 2018 at 08:31 PM



“ Arlene and family

So sorry for your loss. Ben was a kind person, and always wearing a smile. He will be remembered in our prayers as well as the entire family.

Don & Dorothy Schaecher



Dorothy Schaecher - May 08, 2018 at 09:54 PM



“ Mary you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss. You have our deepest sympathy!
Tom and Deb (Hoeft) Svoboda

Deb Svoboda - May 08, 2018 at 09:18 PM



“ Thank you Deb, for your kind words! We do miss dad, but have so much to be thankful for!
Mary

Mary Parker - May 18, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you at this time. Mary, we will hold you and all your family in prayer.
Mark & Mary (Hain) Bowman

Mary Bowman - May 08, 2018 at 04:41 PM



“ Thank you, Mary! We miss dad but I am so grateful for his wisdom and love for my 56 years! Mary

Mary Parker - May 18, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ Marilyn Kobza lit a candle in memory of Benjamin E. Fricke



Marilyn Kobza - May 08, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ Our condolences to all the family members. May he rest in peace.

Mark & Judy Moravec - May 08, 2018 at 08:39 AM



“ Russ & Bonnie Divis sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin E. Fricke



Russ & Bonnie Divis - May 08, 2018 at 08:28 AM



“ Arlene and Family, especially JoAnn
We wish to express our sympathy to you and yours on the passing of Ben. I remember the early years of Aquinas, when we started there in 1964, the school was barely 5years old. Ben believed in Catholic education for his children, and all graduated from Aquinas. I remember him as a happy guy, liked to kid around. When JoAnn & I started business school in Omaha, Ben was impressed with our dorms on the 12th floor of an apartment tower in downtown Omaha. He always had a comment for everything. Ellen Havlovic Jirovsky



Ellen Jirovsky - May 07, 2018 at 09:58 PM



“ Arlene and family,
We were so sad to hear about Ben. He always had a funny joke or quip to share whenever you saw him. His faith was an inspiration. Our loss of Ben here on earth is Heaven's gain. John & Deb Svec



John & Deb Svec - May 07, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ Arlene and family,
We were saddened to hear about Ben. His sense of humor will always be remembered. Many classes of seniors here at Aquinas got to see the importance of humor in a strong marriage when he and his lovely bride Arlene would come to talk to them about marriage in senior religion. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family.
~Aquinas & St. Mary's Schools
~Aquinas Alumni Association



Aquinas - May 07, 2018 at 04:11 PM



“ Jolene Hookie lit a candle in memory of Benjamin E. Fricke



Jolene Hookie - May 07, 2018 at 02:00 PM