

DuBois, NE

Charles "Chuck" Lindbergh Streit, 94, of DuBois, Nebraska, passed away peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha, Kansas. Yes, he was named after that famous aviator who had just completed the first nonstop transatlantic flight in June 1927. Chuck was born on June 12, 1927, to Arnold and Mamie Moser Streit at the family farm east of Bern, Kansas and was the eighth of their 10 children. He attended Prairie Star Country School and Bern High School graduating in 1945. Chuck was united in marriage to Mary Jean Shepley on January 28, 1950 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Bern, Kansas. They made their home on the Shepley farm north of Bern where they raised their six children.

Chuck and Jean farmed for years and also owned Lee's Bar in DuBois, Nebraska and later the Bern Cafe' in Bern, Kansas. Together, Chuck and Jean with their team of Percheron horses, enjoyed participating in many parades, weddings and funerals over the years. When Chuck retired, he went to work for Camp Cornhusker Boy Scout Camp where he was camp caretaker for almost 20 years working till he was 90 years old. It was only when the tractor rolled over him that he finally retired for good. He enjoyed visiting with everyone and always had a big smile, a positive attitude and love of life.

In the hopes of finding the secret to longevity, Chuck donated his body to science at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. As Chuck said "Maybe they can find out why the hell I lived so long!" He also said he would make it to college one day, just wasn't sure which one. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jean in 2008, daughter Mavis Heiniger in 2016, infant grandson Joseph Charles Streit in 1986, and son-in-law Robert Johnson in 2019; sisters: Sylvia Harter, Ruby Kale, Rosemary Reynolds and Mamie June, and brothers: John, Ben, Ed, Arnold and Leo.

He is survived by daughters Ann Johnson, DuBois, NE; Marylyn (Mark) Matthaei, Salina, KS; Dolly (Rand) Schafer, DuBois, NE; sons: Marvin (Mary) Streit, Seneca, KS; Mel (Sharon) Streit, DuBois, NE; son-in-law Mark Heiniger, Bern, KS; 14 grandchildren: Mindy (Tim) Stock, Ben (Krissy) Matthaei, Kristi Matthaei, Leslie (Jared) Beer, Laura (Matt) Kmiec, Shannon (J.W.) Vlcek, MaryJo Streit, Nathan (Kayla) Streit, Andrea (Dave) Mezger, Ashley (Justin) Shupp, Adam Streit, Ali (Craig) Schmit, Taylor Schafer, Nolan Schafer and 20 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Chuck's Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at the Bern United Methodist Church in Bern, Kansas with a luncheon immediately following at the Bern Community Center. Please bring your stories to share with family and friends. A private family inurnment will be held at the Bern Cemetery at a later date.

A register book will be available for signing from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, February 4, 2022, at the Wherry Mortuary, 207 Nemaha Street in Humboldt, Nebraska.

In lieu of flowers, Chuck would appreciate contributions to the Bern United Methodist Church, Bern Community Center and DuBois Community Center.

Condolences can be shared online at www.wherrymortuary.com

Services entrusted to Wherry Mortuary-207 Nemaha ST-Humboldt, Nebraska 68376 (402) 862-2915.