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# Gamma Sigma Delta

## The Honor Society of Agriculture

### Nebraska Chapter Newsletter

Issue #61

Fall Break 2022

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## President's Message

As your new Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta President, I am honored to serve in this capacity and to try to carry forward the great message of the importance of Agriculture in our lives, both now and in the future.

One of my concerns in accepting the presidency of Gamma Sigma Delta has been the observation that membership appears to have been on the decline over the past several years. My first message to our membership (although it might seem to be "preaching to the choir") is that we all should take it upon ourselves as loyal Gamma Sigma Delta members to recruit to membership colleagues who are not currently members, but whose scientific abilities would enrich our esteemed organization.

My challenge to you as a Gamma Sigma Delta member is to assess who in your field, department or other acquaintance, that is not a Gamma

Sigma Delta member would be eminently qualified to become members. There are many talented scientists that would be eligible and who would make valuable contributions as members of Gamma Sigma Delta.

I have been a member of several organizations who have used the method of "buy one, get one" (bogo) to encourage recruitment of new members. Why not help strengthen Gamma Sigma Delta by actively "being one and bringing one" – be sure that your membership is up to date and nominate one, or more, colleagues (faculty, staff or graduate student) for membership in Gamma Sigma Delta? Together we can help Gamma Sigma Delta become an even more impactful and respected Honor Society of Agriculture.

Paul E. Read,  
Professor of Horticulture/Viticulture  
2022-23, Nebraska Chapter President  
The Honor Society of Agriculture  
Gamma Sigma Delta

## 2021 Nebraska Chapter Awards

### The Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta

The Chapter's Annual Initiation and Awards Reception, originally scheduled for January 30, 2022, was (due to continued high numbers of COVID-19 cases in Lancaster County) rescheduled and held on Sunday afternoon, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The chapter recognized five faculty award recipients, eleven student finalists and three student award recipients, as well as eleven undergraduates, one graduate student and two faculty inducted into membership. The event was held in the Nebraska East Union, Great Plains room.



### Award of Merit Recipients

Both of this year's recipients of the Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award of Merit, the Chapter's highest award, were out of the country at the time of the recognition reception. Dr. Michael Boehm, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) Vice Chancellor, announced the recipients: **Dr. Richard B. Ferguson**, above left, Professor & Vice Chancellor of the Rwanda Institute for Conservation Agriculture, nominated by Dr. Marjorie Kostelnik; and **Dr. Janos Zempleni**, above right, Willa Cather Professor of Molecular Nutrition and Director of the Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity Disease, nominated by Dr. Robert Wright. The nominators spoke regarding their nominees' careers and accomplishments and accepted the awards on their behalf. Ferguson was inducted into GSD in 1981, while a graduate student at Kansas State. Zempleni, who joined the UNL faculty in 2001, was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter in 2004. He received the Chapter Research Award in 2007.

**Congratulations Richard & Janos!**

## 2021 Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Awards (cont'd)



### Teaching Award Recipient

Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss (left), Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR), and Dr. Andrea Cupp (right), Professor of Animal Science and nominator, presented the 2021 Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award of Merit to **Dr. Renee McFee**, Associate Professor & Coordinator, Professional Program in Veterinary Medicine. McFee was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter while a student in 2000.



### Research Award Recipient

Dr. Tala Awada (right) presented the 2021 Nebraska Chapter, Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award of Merit to **Dr. Patricio Grassini**, Associate Professor of Agronomy & Horticulture. In his absence, Grassini's nominator, Dr. Jim Specht (left) accepted the award on his behalf. Grassini was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta in 2016.



### Extension Award Recipient

**Dr. Justin McMechan** (second from left), Assistant Professor of Entomology, received the 2021 Nebraska Chapter, Gamma Sigma Delta Extension Award of Merit. McMechan was inducted in 2016, while a doctoral student here at Nebraska. McMechan was the nominator of the...

### Outstanding Graduate Student

**Gabriela Inveninato Carmona** (second from right), doctoral student in Entomology, received the 2021 Nebraska Chapter, Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate Student Award of Merit. Carmona was a 2019 inductee into the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta.

With the Entomology awardees are Dr. John Ruberson (left), Entomology Professor, Department Chair & the Extension Awardee's nominator, and Dr. Robert Wright (right), Professor of Entomology & Nebraska Chapter Membership Coordinator.

**Congratulations to  
Renee, Patricio, Justin & Gabriela!**



## 2021 Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Undergraduate Awards



### Outstanding Senior Award

**Callie McCright** (left), Fisheries and Wildlife & Environmental Science, Lincoln, received the 2021 Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Senior Award of Merit. Sherri Jones (right), Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) presented the award.

**Award Recipients receive the framed certificate AND a \$250.00 award check.**



### Outstanding Undergraduate Student

**Elizabeth Karnopp**, Biochemistry, West Point, was unable to attend. She received the 2021 Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Undergraduate Award of Merit.

**Congratulations to Callie, Elizabeth & All Finalists!**



Tiffany Heng-Moss (left), CASNR Dean and Sherri Jones (right), CEHS Dean, presented the certificates and awards to the Finalists and recipient in attendance. From left are: April Johnson, Senior, Albion; *three Ugrads: Jocelyn Pohl, Bridgeport; Paige Kniep, Deshler; TaraLee Hudson, Belvedere*; Seniors: Emma Hoffschneider, Burwell; Callie; Amanda Most, Ogallala; Mark Iradukunda, Rwanda; & Dalton Erickson, Cameron, MO. Absent were Michele Barbot, Samuel Wilkins & Rachele Dailey.

## New Members Inducted



Nebraska Chapter President 2020-2021, Paul C. Hay (left) stands with the new initiates in attendance at the March 27, 2022, Initiation and Awards Reception. Nebraska Chapter, the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta 2022 initiates with name, hometown and major or department (all hometowns are Nebraska unless otherwise stated) are: Mark Iradukunda, Kigali, Rwanda, Integrated Science; April Johnson, Albion, Food Science and Technology; Emma Hoffschneider, Burwell, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication & Agricultural Economics; Dalton Erickson, Cameron, Missouri, Agricultural Engineering; TaraLee Hudson, Belvedere, Animal Science & Agricultural Economics; and Jocelyn Pohl, Bridgeport, Agricultural Education.

New initiate members unavailable for the photo were:

Undergraduate Juniors: Catherine Laska, Forensic Science, Genoa

Abigail Ridder, Environmental Studies & Regional and Community Forestry, Logan, Iowa

George Santarpia, Microbiology & Biochemistry, Lincoln

Undergraduate Seniors: Rachele M. Dailey, Applied Science, North Platte

Johnathan Kelly, Environmental Restoration Science & Water Science, Northglenn, Colorado

Graduate Student: Brian Arisman, Animal Science, Newark, Delaware

Postdoctoral Research Associate: Leticia Pereira Sanglard, Animal Science

Faculty Member: Holly Hatton-Bowers, Assistant Professor, Early Childhood Extension Specialist

### **Congratulations to all New Members!**

### **Welcome to Life Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta!**

You are encouraged to maintain Active Membership wherever your career takes you!

See the GSD International website for a list of Chapters:

<http://gammastigmadelta.org/gamma-sigma-delta-chapters/>

# When Someone Tells You They've Received An Invitation to GSD Membership... *How do you respond?*

The Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta is an international honor society dedicated to recognizing the accomplishments of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and outstanding individuals. The society contributes to the advancement of agriculture and related sciences, including natural resources, and human sciences. It is the oldest and largest honor society for those in Agriculture and related fields. The Nebraska Chapter is one of over 50 chapters around the world.

The Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta recognizes students with high academic standing as well as awarding a limited number of scholarships through competitive processes. Invitations, distributed via email, are sent to, students academically eligible for membership and, faculty, graduate students, staff, and alumni nominated to membership in the Nebraska Chapter. Those invited to membership must respond to be admitted to membership and will be recognized at the Initiation and Awards Reception.

Once inducted, Gamma Sigma Delta members are Lifetime members of the Society. Membership signifies common dedication to excellence and high standards, to advancement of knowledge for the service of society, and to responsible stewardship of our natural resources. Across this campus and on campuses across the country and around the world, members share a common commitment to leadership and service. Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta is both an honor and a responsibility.

So, when you hear this news:

Give them your hardy Congratulations!

Encourage them to respond and accept Lifetime membership.

Share with them about your own nomination, initiation, membership and participation.

Let them know they can maintain their membership, whether with the Nebraska Chapter or wherever their career takes them with any of the 50+ chapters.

When appropriate, encourage them to apply for a student scholarship.

## **Be Thinking Nominations Now!**

What Graduate Student or Colleague would you like to honor with nomination to membership?

Is there a colleague you'd like to nominate for a Nebraska Chapter Award –

Teaching, Research, Extension, or Agricultural Achievement Award of Merit?

And Prepare Now! The next issue of this Newsletter will ask you to submit Nominations – for Membership and/or Awards. Those will be due in mid-December or early January.

To view criteria and guidelines now, see the previous newsletter issue at: [Gamma Sigma Delta, Nebraska Chapter Newsletter, Issue #60 Fall 2021](#)



## Gamma Sigma Delta Committees 2022

### EXECUTIVE

President: Paul Read [pread1@unl.edu](mailto:pread1@unl.edu)

President-Elect: TBD

Secretary/Treasurer: TBD

Membership Coordinator: Bob Wright

[rwright2@unl.edu](mailto:rwright2@unl.edu)

Historian: Dana W.R. Boden

[dboden1@unl.edu](mailto:dboden1@unl.edu)

Past-President: Paul Hay [paul.hay@unl.edu](mailto:paul.hay@unl.edu)

### AWARD OF MERIT

\*Archie Clutter (2022)

\*Dave Vetter (2022)

Thomas Hoegemeyer (2023)

James Van Etten (2023)

Richard B. Ferguson (2024)

Janos Zemleni (2024)

### EXTENSION AWARD

\*Karla Wilke (2023)

Justin McMechan (2024)

### RESEARCH AWARD

\*Angela Pannier (2022)

Daniel Ciobanu (2023)

Patricio Grassini (2024)

### TEACHING AWARD

\*Lena Luck (2022)

Ronald M. Lewis (2023)

Renee McFee (2024)

### AUDIT

TBD

### INITIATION AND AWARDS RECEPTION

Paul Read

Paul Hay

Bob Wright

Dana W.R. Boden

### INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE - TBA

### SEMINAR -TBA

### MEMBERSHIP

Bob Wright (Coordinator)

### SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION - TBD

\* Chairperson

The members of the Faculty Award Committees for the Nebraska Chapter –  
Award of Merit, Extension, Research, and Teaching –  
are the recipients of each award from the most recent three years.

\*In the third (last year) of service on each committee the faculty members serve as chair of their  
respective committee.

***Willing to serve and help carry on the long tradition of recognizing the accomplishments of University of Nebraska–Lincoln students, faculty, staff, graduate students, alumni and outstanding individuals in Agriculture and related sciences?***

***Please contact any member of the Nebraska Chapter Executive Committee via email – addresses shown above.***





## GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

### 2021 NEBRASKA CHAPTER ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

July 10, 2022

**TO:** Gamma Sigma Delta Members

**SUBJECT:** Renewal of Active Membership / Dues for 2022

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership in Gamma Sigma Delta. Please recall that GSD membership is based on the calendar year and runs from January 1 – December 31. **In keeping with tradition, I am sending just this single notification for paying your 2022 dues.** We are counting on your continuing support of our honorary society. Please be sure to print off and complete the appropriate form and respond today.

Dues are \$20 per year. Please make your check (\$20 for 2022, or \$20 per year for multiple years) payable to **Gamma Sigma Delta** (please don't mail cash) and send it, along with your completed membership form, to me at one of the addresses indicated on the form.

Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta members who have paid their dues are listed on the next page. Those of you who have paid dues in advance please check to see if my extension date is correct for your prepaid dues. If you were an active member in 2020 and your name is not on this list, your membership has expired.

If you wish to be placed on the GSD inactive list, do not send dues but mark the appropriate line on the form and return it to me. Also, if you know of GSD members who have moved to Nebraska, please send me their name(s) and address(es) or have them contact me so they can become active here. We wish to welcome all of you who have recently transferred into our Nebraska Chapter.

Past Award of Merit Winners are Exempt from paying dues. They may choose to Donate to the Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate Student Fund in order to further the scholarship support.

Best regards,

*Robert J. Wright*

Robert J. Wright  
Membership Coordinator

## MEMBERSHIP

The following list includes dates active membership ends.  
If your name is not on this list, your active membership has expired.

Please consider paying your 2022 dues before the end of the year  
and remain active or  
become an active member of the Nebraska Chapter for  
multiple years in advance.

Annual Dues \$20.00

*More Active Members equals more opportunities for increasing  
recognitions of outstanding students and presentations of programs!*

2022 Dana W. R. Boden  
Rachele M Dailey  
Karen DeBoer  
Elbert Dickey  
John E. Gilley  
Patricio Grassini  
Taralee Hudson  
Emma Hoffschneider  
Amit Jhala  
Lisa K. Karr  
Jonathan Kelley  
Ron Lewis  
Joe Louis  
Bradley D. Lubben  
Lena Luck  
Jenny Nixon  
Jocelyn Pohl  
Richard J. Rasby  
John Ruberson  
Matthew Spangler  
Jennifer Wood

2023 Charles A. Hibberd  
Ashlyn Maier  
Ivey Orellana  
Jessica Petersen

2024 Erin Blankenship  
Justin McMechan  
Janos Zempleni

2025 Mike Jacobsen  
Robert Wright



## Nebraska Chapter MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing \$20.00 payment for my active membership dues for the year 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Payment in ADVANCE. I am enclosing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to extend my active membership  
\_\_\_\_\_ years at \$20 per year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am NOT enclosing a dues payment as I wish to become inactive.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have RETIRED and wish to remain ON the email / mail list.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have RETIRED and wish to be taken OFF the active mailing list.

***To save mailing costs, please provide your e-mail address below.***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return the completed form to:***

**For On-Campus Mail**

Robert J. Wright  
GSD Membership Coordinator  
Entomology Department  
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Entomology Department  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Lincoln NE 68583-0816



## Gamma Sigma Delta, Nebraska Chapter Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate Student Award Fund

Your Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta has established a fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation to allow us to expand our recognition of high standards of scholarship to the student ranks. The **Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate Student Award Fund** was initiated with a \$750 grant from Gamma Sigma Delta International. It has become an endowed fund of the University of Nebraska Foundation which provides for one or more awards per year.

A Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Student Award Selection Committee will organize the application and selection process. Students in Agriculture, Human Sciences, and related sciences who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in their endeavors, and great promise for future academic contributions in their field of expertise are eligible.

For more information, call 800-432-3216 or visit the website at [www.nufoundation.org](http://www.nufoundation.org)

Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate Student Award Fund –  
#10996.

You may make your donation by

Mailing the following form to:

University of Nebraska Foundation

P.O. Box 82555

Lincoln, NE 68501-2555

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the **University of Nebraska Foundation** for the Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate Student Award Fund #10996

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Give online at: <https://nufoundation.org/fund/01109960/>

## *In Memoriam*

It came to our attention some member obituaries had failed to be included here in some recent issues. That was completely unintentional. As a result, there is some "catching up" here in this issue.

*If you know of items for inclusion in future Newsletters, including the "In Memoriam" section, please email Chapter Historian, Dana W. R. Boden, [dboden1@unl.edu](mailto:dboden1@unl.edu)*



**James Henry Williams Jr.**, 100, of Lincoln, died February 15, 2019. He was born in Los Angeles, Calif., to James Henry, Sr. and Addie Myrtle (Blowers) Williams, on July 14, 1918. Professor Emeritus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Attended UCLA 2 years; Oregon State University, B.S.; Iowa State University. M.S. & Ph.D; Horticulturist, Beverly Hills, CA; farmed in Willamette Valley, Ore.; Professor of Agronomy 33 years UN-L, researched variety of improvement and production practices of soybeans and other oil seed crops, taught courses in Agronomy.

Member, American Society of Agronomy and the Society of Economic Botany. Recognized for research and contributions to agriculture by American Society of Agronomy (Fellow); American Soybean Association Production Research Award; Nebraska. Soybean Association and Nebraska Crop Improvement Association. Honorary societies: Alpha Zeta, and Sigma Xi. Inducted into Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta May 1, 1956; received the Research & the Award of Merit in 1983. He served as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President & President, 1977-81.

WWII Army Air Corps veteran, Europe with 451st Bomb Group, Italy.

Was an Eagle Scout and later served 10 years as Boy Scout leader in Oregon and Lincoln. Member Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, and Royal Arch Masons. Charter member of Lincoln Northeast Kiwanis and Golden K Kiwanis.

Preceded in death by wife of 63 years, Mary Louise (Heard) Williams. Survivors, sons, William and Robert and granddaughter, Faith, all of Lincoln.

Private memorial service was at Eastmont Towers. Memorials to Monarch Hospice by Eastmont Towers Foundation.



**Howard Lyle Wiegers**, 105, died peacefully on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Howard was born on July 20, 1915 on the family farm in Western, Nebraska to John and Alice Wiegers. He married Mary Irene "Mickie" (Caldwell) in 1942. He earned a bachelor's degree from University of Nebraska's College of Agriculture before moving to California to work for Lockheed during WWII. While in California, Howard sent for Mickie and they married. After the war, Howard studied briefly at Caltech and the University of Utah before the couple returned to Nebraska, where he earned a master's degree at UNL. They bought an acreage just north of Lincoln, where they raised their two children, Jo Anne and John.

Howard began his career as a professor of poultry science in 1949 at UNL's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, ultimately retiring in 1986. He was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta May 2, 1955, serving as Secretary, Vice-President and President, 1961-64. He is credited with making significant advances in turkey fertility processes. In addition to poultry science, Howard developed courses in wildlife management and was instrumental in

developing what is now the Fisheries and Wildlife program. The Wildlife Club's annual award -- the Howard L. Wiegiers Nebraska Outstanding Wildlife Conservation Award -- was named in his honor.

In addition to teaching, Howard was a passionate advisor. During his career he advised hundreds of students, helping them navigate everything from course work to homesickness and career options. Howard's advisees returned his generosity by writing and visiting over the decades. His home was filled with letters and postcards from former students, many of whom kept in touch with him for over forty years. Some students were lucky enough to take a course that culminated in a summer wilderness canoe trip to the Boundary Waters, where they would camp, hike, fish, and swap tales around the campfire for two weeks.

Howard undoubtedly learned his legendary storytelling abilities from his parents and beloved older brother, Claude, who passed away at the age of 104. Howard's stories, whether they were about setting fish traps in a river, riding to town with Pop, or portaging in Canada, would invariably begin with the phrase: "Say, did I ever tell you about ...?" Each tale would unravel slowly, tricking the listener into believing he'd lost his train of thought. Then, with a twinkle in his eye, he would suddenly end the tale, having come full circle -- much to the listener's delight. Many Father's Days were spent taking turns around a hand-crank ice cream maker while Howard entertained his family.

Howard and Mickie divorced in 1975, and he later married Wanda (Maret). They spent the winters in Texas and would return each spring with crates of citrus fruit and Mexican vanilla. Howard was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Lincoln East Rotary Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Claude, sister Reva, Irene Caldwell Stevens, and Wanda. He is survived by his children, JoAnne (Gordon) Bair of Lincoln and John (Chris) Wiegiers of Pickrell; grandchildren, Amanda Bair of Plattsmouth, Cynthia (Brad) Bair Van Dam of Washington, DC, Andrea (Ivan) Haas of Woodinville, WA, Carly (Kyle) Parrish of Auburn; great-grandchildren, Violet Haas, Natalie Parrish, Landon Parrish, Grady Haas; and nieces and nephew, Linda Lewis of Texas, Judy Greene of Virginia, and John King of Iowa.

A celebration of Howard's life was held in July 2021 at First United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to the Howard Wiegiers Student Travel Support Fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation ([nufoundation.org](http://nufoundation.org)) or First United Methodist Church of Lincoln, Nebraska.



**Terry J. Klopfenstein**, 82, of Lincoln, died on April 30, 2021. Mr. Klopfenstein was born March 10, 1939, to Donald & Rozella (Miller) Klopfenstein in Wauseon, Ohio.

After completing his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from The Ohio State University where he was inducted into membership in Gamma Sigma Delta January 4, 1961, Terry joined the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a ruminant nutritionist in 1965. Calling it his "dream job", Terry had only one position at UNL -- ruminant researcher and teacher. He received the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award of Merit in 1971 and the Research Award of Merit in 1982. Terry held the University of Nebraska Wagner Professorship from 1989-2007, the first endowed chair position in the Animal Science Department. As one of the premier research programs at UNL and nationwide, his findings have had a tremendous economic impact on cattle feeding in Nebraska and the nation. Terry was a pioneer in using

corn byproducts from the ethanol and sweetener industries to supplement cattle feeding creating a win-win-win scenario for cattle feeders, grain farmers and the milling industries. Principles learned in the evaluation of protein sources, protein requirements and growing/finishing systems have been used by the feed and livestock industries. Research with grazing and treating crop residues have been adopted by cattle producers both within the US and internationally. Terry authored over 300 refereed articles and over 1000 abstracts and technical articles. For many years, Terry was the leader of the ruminant nutrition



program at Nebraska, both on campus and with the research and development centers across the state. Terry believed that research programs should be a Team Effort. He never talked about “his” research program. It was always “our” program or Nebraska’s program. Terry mentored hundreds of graduate students in his 47-year career at UNL many of whom now hold important positions at universities, major agribusinesses, consulting firms, government agencies and as leaders in the livestock industry. Terry took a great deal of pride in working with students. Terry instilled motivation for knowledge in his students. He believed a faculty member’s most important assignment was to teach students. Teaching included not only learning the fundamentals of science, but also helping students to mature and succeed.

Because of the need for well-trained feedlot managers, the Feedlot Management Internship was initiated in 1988 and 179 students have completed the program. In 2003, an endowed fund was established in his honor at the University of Nebraska Foundation in recognition of his teaching accomplishments and contribution to the beef feedlot industry. Today, the funds provide support and recognition for students with an interest in beef production. In addition to his teaching and research activities, Terry served as President of the Federation of Animal Science Societies and President of the American Society of Animal Science as well its Midwest section. Over the years, Terry received numerous recognitions and awards from the scientific community and livestock industry. He was awarded the American Society of Animal Science highest honors: Morrison Award, Fellow Award, Teaching Award, and Nutrition Award. He was inducted into the Ohio State Animal Science and College of Ag Hall of Fame and the Nebraska Hall of Ag Achievement. Throughout his career at UNL, Terry worked closely with the agriculture industries. He was recognized with the highest honors possible: Plains Nutrition Legends of Feedlot Nutrition, Cattle Feeders Hall of Fame Industry Leadership Award, and Nebraska Farm Bureau Silver Eagle Award. However, throughout his life, his greatest achievement was influencing the lives of his family, friends, students, and producers.

Survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Tim (Darla) Klopfenstein, Ty Klopfenstein, Michelle (Tony) Singleton, Todd (Kelli) Klopfenstein, Melissa (Darin) Meyer, Becky (Mike) Carey, Amanda Bremer, Klint (Camie) Bremer; brother, Tom (Betty) Klopfenstein; twenty eight grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; uncle, Victor Klopfenstein. Preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services were held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Walton with interment in the Church Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Samaritan’s Purse, ALS in the Heartland, Horisun Hospice, Christian Heritage or the University of Nebraska Foundation.



**William (Bill) Robert Raun**, 64, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, entered into eternal life with his family by his side on a beautiful, sunny Sunday, July 25, 2021, in Oklahoma City. He was a beloved father, husband, professor, mentor, and an eminent soil scientist and member of the Oklahoma State University community. A vigil service was held in celebration of his life August 2<sup>nd</sup>, & the funeral mass was August 3<sup>rd</sup>, both at St. Francis Xavier Catholic in Stillwater. Bill was buried at Fairlawn Cemetery in Stillwater.

Born in Minden, Nebraska, June 21, 1957, to Ned Smith Raun & Esther Burris Zangger Raun, Bill grew up the youngest of six. In Bill’s early years, his family moved to Mexico, then to Colombia, where he made dear friendships, discovered his love of golf, became fluent in Spanish, & developed his interest in international agriculture. He spent his school years in Colombia & his summers working at the family farm in Nebraska with his brothers & cousins. Though he remained a Colombian at heart, he moved back to the U.S. for his senior year at Stillwater High, where he became the state golf champion and first met his future wife, Tanya Colclasure.

Bill earned bachelor’s & master’s degrees in plant & soil sciences from Oklahoma State University in 1979 & 1982 and a Ph.D. in agronomy from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in 1985. He was inducted

into Gamma Sigma Delta at Nebraska on November 18, 1984. From 1985 to 1991, Bill worked with CIMMYT in Guatemala & Mexico as a Regional Maize Agronomist, where he serviced nine countries in Central America & the Caribbean.

After six years with CIMMYT, Bill returned to the U.S., where he & Tanya reconnected during Eskimo Joe's weekend. After five months & a one-week engagement, they were married by Judge Charles Headrick at the Payne County Courthouse on New Year's Eve day. Two years later, Anne arrived, then Kate & Chris, & finally Dana. Bill's love for his work was eclipsed only by his love for his family, for whom Bill was always a fierce believer & supporter. Bill was a passionate member of the Catholic Church, having been converted by the witness & example of his dear cousins, Chris & Kevin Raun, & the life of his nephew, Nathan, whom Bill thought of daily. He taught 5th grade Sunday School in the Stillwater Catholic community for 15 years.

Bill was a Regents Professor and Sitlington Chair of Agriculture at OSU. His research focused primarily on improving nitrogen use efficiency in cereal crops working in tandem with mechanical and electrical engineers. The GreenSeeker sensor that is now sold commercially around the world is a product of the work that Dr. John Solie, Dr. Marvin Stone, Dr. Randy Taylor and he developed. Their team of plant and engineering scientists has collaborative sensor-based projects in Argentina, Mexico, India, China, Australia, Canada, and Kenya. Bill maintained active GSD membership at OSU and was awarded the Chapter's Experienced Research Scientist Award in 2009. During his career, he developed a hand planter that increases crop yield and reduces pesticide exposure, and he sent 117 graduate students on short- and long-term work-study projects with CIMMYT in Mexico, Kenya, Nigeria, China, and India. Bill was a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America, and he served as a major advisor for 103 graduate degrees conferred to 84 students, 47 of whom came from the developing world. He authored over 254 refereed journals and holds 13 U.S. patents.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Larry, and his mother-in-law, Shirley Colclasure. He is survived by his wife, his four children, his son-in-law, Paul, his granddaughter, Georgia, his siblings, Kathi Hromas Blazer, Barby Kroening, Rich Raun, and Ed Raun, their families, and his many students.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Dr. William R. Raun Memorial Fund established with the OSU Foundation, P.O. Box 1749, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 74076-1749, memo line Dr. William R. Raun Memorial., or online to <https://secure.osugiving.com/s/giving>; or to Catholic Charities, P.O. Box 580460, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74158-0460, or online: <https://cceok.org/make-honor-or-memorial-gift>. Bill's life goal was to end world hunger and provide educational opportunities to those who shared the same dream, so his family wishes to honor his legacy in the same way.



**Don Joseph Kubik**, 85, died at his home in Omaha, on April 22, 2022. Survived by wife, Deb; daughter, Michelle Kubik (husband Herb White, daughter Allison White); son, Mark (wife Kim, Cameron and Mariah); and son, Zach Carle (wife Courtney, Olivia, Jaxson, Camden and Izzy).

Don was born September 22, 1936, to Carita and John Kubik in Ralston. He moved to Elkhorn, at age 12, where he became part of a family dairy farm, shaping his future career. He attended Elkhorn High School and graduated in 1954. Don was an All-Conference football player at Elkhorn with an offer to walk on in Nebraska football. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he received both his bachelor's and master's degree in animal science.

He was a professor of dairy science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln until he retired in 1991. In his role as a dairy specialist, Don received several awards for his accomplishments. He was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta on November 24, 1974, receiving the chapter's first Extension Award of Merit in 1980. Even after retirement, he looked for the next best hobby, whether it was wood-

working, trading toy cars, or buying adult-sized cars. He also was a member of the Midwest Early Corvette Club in Omaha.

Don was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and most importantly an outstanding Papa. He was preceded in death by his first wife, JoAnn Kubik.

Don's Celebration of Life was Sunday, July 31, at The Barn, 15220 Military Road, Bennington. Donations in memory of Don will be used to set up an animal science student scholarship and may be sent to the University of Nebraska Foundation, P.O. Box 82555, Lincoln NE 68501-2555. Please make checks payable to the NU Foundation and include on the memo line or enclosed note that the gift is in memory of Don Kubik. To give online, visit [nufoundation.org/memorialgift](http://nufoundation.org/memorialgift).



**Mary Rosalind Morris**, 101, of Lincoln, passed away March 26, 2022. The daughter of Celia (Evans) and Aneurin Morris, Rosalind was born in her maternal grandparent's home, Ruthin, Wales, May 8, 1920. Her brother, William Penri, was born in 1922. In 1925 the family moved to Canada and by 1930 were settled on a fruit farm near the town of Forest in western Ontario.

After graduating Forest High School, Rosalind spent four years at the Ontario Agricultural College (now University of Guelph) where she earned a B.S. in Agriculture. She accepted a graduate assistantship in the Plant Breeding Department, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. Her thesis research involved genetic studies on buckwheat, an important cover crop in the region. Her financial support was a teaching assistantship under Professor Robert Cushing, who had gone to Cornell from the University of Nebraska.

During her time at Cornell, her family suffered the loss of her brother Penri, in a bombing mission with the British Royal Air Force over Germany in World War II.

After receiving a Ph.D. at Cornell in 1946, Rosalind started a career of 43 years in the University of Nebraska Agronomy Department under the leadership of Dr. Elvin Frolik. She taught two courses and part of a third course to graduate students. Due to concern about harmful effects of radiation on crop plants, her first research tested the effects of different types of radiation on corn genes & chromosomes. In order to advance her knowledge in this area, she spent the year 1949-50 on a Nebraska fellowship at the California Institute of Technology under the guidance of Professor Albert Longley. Rosalind also spent several months in 1956-57 in Sweden and England on a Guggenheim fellowship to enhance her research and teaching experiences.

Upon her return to Nebraska in 1957 she joined the wheat research team led by V. Johnson, J. Schmidt, & P. Mattern. The rest of her career was devoted to developing & testing chromosome-substitution lines in bread-wheat varieties. This involved meticulous microscope observations by Rosalind & her assistants. Many of these lines were shared with wheat scientists in different countries. Rosalind was a trailblazer for women in agronomy when it was unusual to see women in such roles. In 1978 she was the first woman to receive the honorary title of Fellow from the American Society of Agronomy. She belonged to a number of scientific societies & presented results of her research at meetings in the U.S., Canada, Egypt, England, India, & Japan. After retirement Rosalind and Dr. Mary Lou Pritchard took a number of trips within the U.S. & to several countries to attend Elderhostel programs, Welsh Society annual meetings, & cultural gatherings as well as sightseeing trips. During their trips to England & Wales, Rosalind visited relatives in their homes. Locally, Rosalind and her dog Cym regularly visited several Lincoln parks to pick up litter. She received two awards for these efforts with Cym's name on one plaque. She was a member of local & Nebraska state-wide bird-study organizations and went on numerous bird-watching trips to different areas of Nebraska. Rosalind was a long-time member of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences, the local branch of the American Association of



University Women, and the St. David's Welsh Society of Nebraska. Rosalind was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta May 7, 1953. She served as Secretary 1960-61 and was the recipient of the chapter Award of Merit in 1980 and Teaching Award in 1985.

Per Rosalind's request, there was no memorial service. Her body was cremated, and the ashes deposited in the family grave at Forest, Ontario, Canada. Suggested memorials in lieu of flowers may be given to the M. Rosalind Morris Fund at the University of Nebraska Foundation or The Welsh Heritage Project, Wymore, Nebraska.



**Roy L. Smith** age 81 of Plattsmouth, Nebraska passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, March 29, 2022. He was born August 2, 1940, in Omaha, Nebraska to Royal P. & Clara M. (Gobelman) Smith.

Roy grew up on the family farm near Mynard, Nebraska graduating from Plattsmouth High School in 1957. He continued his education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln obtaining both a bachelor & master's degree in agriculture education. While a student, he was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter of the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta May 2, 1961. He was united in marriage on June 8, 1961, to Sharon Ramage at Liberty United Methodist Church in Mynard. Roy received a commission in the United States Army & proudly served his country as an Intelligence Officer for two years active duty.

Roy and Sharon made their home on the family farm where they raised two daughters, Kristi and Laura. Roy farmed the land and devoted his career to commodity analysis and education. He was known fondly as SoyRoy to people throughout the country. Roy published a monthly newsletter sharing his commodity knowledge and insight with the farming community. He was a longtime member and served as the

State President for the Nebraska Soybean Association for two years along with serving nine years on the Board of the American Soybean Association, two as Vice President. His devotion to agriculture led to him being inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Agriculture Achievement in 2006.

Within his community, Roy stayed active in various civic & fraternal groups. He was a member of & Past Master of the Plattsmouth Lodge #6 AF & AM, Home Chapter #189 Order of the Eastern Star, Past Deputy Grand Custodian of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska & other affiliated bodies. He was a 48-year member of the Cass County Planning Commission (serving as chairman for 17 years), a member of the First United Methodist Church (serving many years as finance chairman) & King of the 1991 Kass County King Korn Carnival.

He is survived by his wife Sharon Smith of Plattsmouth, NE, daughter and son-in-law, Kristi and Larry Shotkoski and their children, Cole and Kaia of Plattsmouth, daughter and son-in-law; Laura and Brad Weakly and their children, Claire and Chloe of Lincoln, NE; sister, Deloris Gall of Plattsmouth,; and brothers-in-law, Larry Vallery of Ames, IA and Bud Lewis of Plattsmouth. Roy is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Royal & Clara Smith; sister, Margaret & husband Clayton Rhylander; brother-in-law, Robert Gall; sisters-in-law, Rita Vallery & Linda Lewis; and nephew Mark Gall.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, April 2, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church in Plattsmouth with Rev. Lee Wigert officiating.

A Masonic Service was also conducted by Plattsmouth Lodge #6.

Memorials may be directed to the Roy & Sharon Smith Scholarship at UNL (#01125791), the First United Methodist Church in Plattsmouth or the Cass County Historical Society.

**Lavon John Sumption**, 93, died Sept. 22, 2022. Lavon was born July 6, 1929, in Groton, SD, during the onslaught of the 1929 Great Depression to Elna Niva and Erwin “Ole” Sumption. The family moved to northern Minnesota, where Lavon began his education. He attended high school at the University of Minnesota’s North Central School of Agriculture, and on to the University of Minnesota, where he completed his education through his Ph.D. in animal genetics.

Upon graduation, he joined the University of Nebraska--Lincoln, as a researcher, selecting for fertility in the Nebraska “Gene Pool” of swine. Lavon later joined a partnership of Koch, Gregory & Swige, with beef cattle genetic selection and crossbreeding research, results of which were industry changers. Lavon moved on to the Canada Dept. of Ag in Lethbridge, Alberta, supporting their cattle genetics program. Throughout the 1970s, he provided consultant services to cattle breeders in the United States & Canada, including the selection & importation of breeding stock from Europe. Breaking through the disconnect between the academic world and the actual producers was an important and rewarding mission, in many cases earning him lifelong friendships.

Lavon returned to the UNL in 1981, as District Director of the West Central Research, Extension and Education Center in North Platte. Following his retirement, he served as a golf ranger in Arizona, then began teaching biology at Estrella Mountain Community College, Avondale, AZ., & again at Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio. Recognized as a creative teacher, Lavon initiated bold, long-term research projects, cheered on successors who completed studies, & went above & beyond to encourage students, friends & peers to move beyond their comfort zone & pursue every opportunity.

Lavon was a member of Sigma Xi, Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta (inducted Minnesota, May 2, 1956), Farmhouse Fraternity, and Torch Club; Former National Foundation Fellow, recipient of Commonwealth Foundation (London) Lectureship and Research Survey for East and West Africa; he was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and served on church and library boards. A committed golfer, he played 850 courses including every state and nine countries, retiring to golf spectator and storyteller.

Lavon is survived by his wife, Peggy; brother, John (Lisa); sons, John, Joseph Rayford and Joshua (Joanna) Rayford; daughters, Elizabeth (Rodel) Broas, Robin (Wayne) Campbell, Christine (Richard) White & Gloria; grandchildren, Amanda, Kate, Kelli, Morgan, Kaleb, Milo & Olivia; great-granddaughters, Hanna and Olivia. He was preceded in death by parents, Erwin “Ole” and Elna Niva Sumption.

Celebration of Life, October 22, at 3 p.m., at Holmes Park Golf Course, Lincoln. Ashes inurnment at the South Savo Cemetery, Frederick, SD.



**Ernest (Ernie) Weyeneth**, 75, of Lincoln passed away on September 30, 2022. He was born April 20, 1947, in Red Willow County, NE, where his family were Homesteaders. His Parents were Leonard (Scoop) and Leila (Jolly) Weyeneth.

Ernie grew up in McCook, graduating from McCook High School. He then attended and graduated from McCook Community College. Ernie continued his education at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. While at the University he enlisted in the Navy. He served as a hospital corpsman, assigned to the U.S. Marine Corp during the Vietnam War. After returning from overseas service, he completed and earned a degree in Business Administration from UNL.

Ernie spent his professional career, 49 years, in the investment business in Lincoln. He was Senior Vice President/Investments and Portfolio Manager at Stifel for the past nine years. For 15 years he was

the Branch Manager of the Shearson office in Lincoln. During this time he also served on the American Express Foundation Board of Directors.

Ernie served as the President of the Richard P. Kimmel & Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation. A position he held since the Foundation's creation in 1988. In 2011, he created the Kimmel Orchard & Vineyard Educational Foundation, which operates the Historic Kimmel Orchard in Nebraska City.

Ernie belonged to several organizations including the NU Foundation Board of Trustees, Kregel Windmill Factory Museum Board of Directors, Agriculture Builders of Nebraska, Inc., Honorary initiate of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, Optimist Club of Lincoln, American Legion of Danbury, and member of First-Plymouth Congregational Church. He was honored as an alumni inductee into membership in Gamma Sigma Delta, January 29, 2012. Over the years Ernie received numerous recognitions & awards for both his professional work & civic involvement. In 2019, he was honored to receive the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award from the NEBRASKAlander Foundation.

He is survived by his sons: Leonard (Len) & his wife, Sara; Phillip; grandchildren Benjamin, Samuel, Maxim, Charla Ann, & Thomas; brother Dennis; sister Marilyn Klem & her husband, Ron; uncle Alfred (Butch) Jolly & his wife Barbara; aunt June Jolly; nieces, nephews, & numerous cousins.

Memorials to the Ernest Weyeneth Scholarship Fund at University of Nebraska Foundation, The Story Community Fund at Wyoming Community Foundation, or the Nebraska High School Rodeo Endowment Fund at Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation.

Funeral service was October 6, at the Memorial United Methodist Church of McCook. A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, October 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Country Club of Lincoln.



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**I Pledge Myself to Utilize My Abilities,  
In Maintaining the Esteem,  
Upholding the Honor, and**

**Advancing Agriculture, Related Sciences and Technology.**

**I Recognize That My Adherence to the  
Highest Ethical and Moral Standards, is  
Essential to Our Food and Agricultural Industry, and to Society.**