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Gamma Sigma Delta

The Honor Society of Agriculture

Nebraska Chapter Newsletter

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President's Message

Well, having grown up in western New York State where snow depth is measured in feet, not inches, and children rejoiced to get to stay home from school on "snow days", and worked for many years in Minnesota, where every winter provides incredible below zero cold temperatures, I've always regarded Nebraska's winters as mild and somewhat wimpy. I even told my University of Minnesota colleagues that I was moving south to get warm (Nebraska). This January's weather has made me eat my words! We really have had a winter to remember already.

By the time you get this message, the proverbial "January thaw" has occurred and we're more or less back to normal Nebraska winter. This means that we need to resume all of our important teaching, research and extension activities as well as our important service activities. I hope that you will be reinvigorated by the down time and become actively involved in Gamma Sigma Delta activities, including nomination of deserving colleagues for the GSD

awards. Also, if a colleague has not been invited to become a GSD member, please promote the idea with deserving individuals - we need creative and talented members that are already a credit to their profession and who can help lead Gamma Sigma Delta into a bright and stimulating future.

Incoming President, John Ruberson, is poised to provide innovative and strong leadership for Gamma Sigma Delta, so I urge you to support him by offering advice and suggestions for the future of Gamma Sigma Delta and by attending all GSD activities and helping build the future of the organization by considering my above suggestions. Gamma Sigma Delta is the pre-eminent Agriculture Honor Society and needs your involvement and contributions.

Best wishes for a great year in 2024!

Paul E. Read,
Professor of Horticulture/Viticulture
2022-24, Nebraska Chapter President

Gamma Sigma Delta Committees 2024

EXECUTIVE

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AWARD OF MERIT

*Thomas Hoegemeyer (2023)

*James Van Etten (2023)

Richard B. Ferguson (2024)

Janos Zemleni (2024)

Tiffany Heng-Moss (2025)

Gary A. Peterson (2025)

EXTENSION AWARD

*Karla Wilke (2023)

Justin McMechan (2024)

Mary Drewnoski (2025)

RESEARCH AWARD

*Daniel Ciobanu (2023)

Patricio Grassini (2024)

Joe Louis (2025)

TEACHING AWARD

*Lena Luck (2023)

Ronald M. Lewis (2024)

Renee McFee (2025)

AUDIT

TBD

INITIATION AND AWARDS RECEPTION

Bob Wright

John Ruberson

Dana W.R. Boden

Paul Read

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 3rd (last year) of service on each committee the faculty members serve as chair of their respective committee.

Willing to serve & 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 above.

2022 Nebraska Chapter Awards

The Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta

The Chapter's Annual Initiation and Awards Reception was held Sunday afternoon, March 26th, 2023. The chapter recognized four student finalists and two student award recipients, four faculty award recipients, as well as inducting seven undergraduates, two graduate students, one staff member, and twelve faculty into Life Membership. The event was held in the Nebraska East Union, Arbor Room.

Undergraduate Awards



Outstanding Undergraduate Student

Emma Kuss (center), Seward, a Plant and Landscape Systems major, received the 2022 Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Undergraduate Award of Merit.

Natalia Hagen (left), was a Finalist for the award.

Tiffany Heng-Moss (right), Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) presented the certificates and award.

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



Outstanding Senior Award

Laura Reiling (holding frame), Malcolm, an Animal Science major, received the 2022 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 certificates and award.

Elaina Madison (left) and Kaitlyn Richards (2nd from right) were Finalists for the award. Clarissa Mason, another finalist, was unable to attend.

Congratulations to Emma, Laura & all finalists!

2022 Chapter Awards (cont'd)



Extension Award Recipient

Dr. Mary Drownoski, (center) Associate Professor & Animal Science Beef Systems Specialist, received the Chapter Extension Award of Merit. Drownoski's recognition was simultaneous with her GSD induction. Tom Burkey (left), CASNR Associate Dean for Graduate Education & Interim Animal Science Department Head, presented the Award. Jay Parsons (right) spoke regarding Mary's work.

Research Award Recipient

Dr. Derek McLean (left) presented the 2022 Chapter Research Award of Merit to **Dr. Joe Louis**, Harold



W. Eberhard Professor of Agricultural Entomology. Louis was inducted into the Nebraska



Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta in 2016. As he was out of the country, a group of Joe's colleagues accepted the award on his behalf: John Ruberson, Professor & Entomology Department Chair; Donald Becker, Professor & Biochemistry Department Chair, and Gary Brewer, Entomology Professor.

Congratulations Mary & Joe!

Teaching Award and Outstanding Graduate Student Award Sadly, there were no nominations for the Nebraska Chapter, Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award or the Outstanding Graduate Student. This was the first gap in the Teaching Award since it began in 1963; the Graduate Student since it began in 2009.

Who will You nominate?

Information in the next newsletter!

Prepare Now!

2022 Nebraska Chapter Gamma Sigma Delta

Award of Merit Recipients

Dr. Michael Boehm, Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR), announced the two recipients and presented the 2022 Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award of Merit, the Chapter's highest award:



Dr. Gary A. Peterson (left), Professor Emeritus and Department Head, Soil and Crop Sciences, Colorado State University (CSU), nominated by Dr. Dave Vetter. Peterson received his B.S. at Nebraska and was inducted into GSD in 1964, while a Masters student. He returned to UNL as an Agronomy faculty member, serving as Assistant (1967-71), Associate (1971-74) and Full Professor (1974-84), then moved to CSU and served as Department Head there from 2003 until his retirement in 2011.

Dave Vetter (left) spoke regarding the awardee's career and accomplishments. Gary was unable to attend, so Dave accepted the award from Vice-Chancellor Boehm (right) on Gary's behalf.



Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss (left), Professor of Entomology, and Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. She was inducted into the Nebraska Chapter when an Assistant Professor in 2003. She received the Chapter Teaching Award in 2009. V-C Boehm (right) presented Tiffany's award.

Congratulations Gary & Tiffany!

New Members Inducted



The new initiates inducted into the Nebraska Chapter, the Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta at the Sunday, March 26, 2023 reception at the East Campus Union pictured above are: front row, left to right; Anna Schmit, Emma Kuss, Laura Reiling, Asha Ganpatrao Mane, Alexis Cherry, Donald Becker, and Larkin Powell. Back row, left to right; Mary Drewnoski, Tala Awada, Bertrand Clarke, Deepak Keshwani, Jeff Bassford, Samodha Fernando, and Gary Sullivan.

2023 initiate members unavailable for the photo were: Undergraduate Junior: Charlotte Brockman; Undergraduate Seniors: Rachel Clarkson and Grant Marisch; Graduate Student: Pablo Grijalva; Staff Member: Eileen Marks- Nelson; Faculty Members: Richard J. Bischoff, Michael J. Merten, and Scott McVey

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://gammasingmadelta.org/gamma-sigma-delta-chapters/>



GAMMA SIGMA DELTA

2024 NEBRASKA CHAPTER ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

TO: Gamma Sigma Delta Members

SUBJECT: Renewal of Active Membership / Dues for 2024

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 2024 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 2024, 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 the previous year(s) 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 pay your 2024 dues
to retain, or activate, your active membership in the Nebraska Chapter.
If you wish, you may pay dues for multiple years in advance.
Annual Dues \$20.00 per year.
*More Active Members equals more opportunities for increasing
recognition of outstanding students and colleagues,
and presentations of programs!*
If you were inducted into another GSD Chapter,
we welcome you to join us!
Pay dues and be active in our Nebraska Chapter!

2024

Erin Blankenship
Joe Louis
Dustin Loy
Renee McFee
Justin McMechan
John Ruberson
Matthew Spangler
Deborah VanOverbeke
Janos Zemleni

2025

Blessing Ademokoya
Mike Jacobsen
Stacy Lempka
Robert Wright

2026

Dana W. R. Boden

2027

Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel
Bertrand Clarke
Tamra Jackson-Ziems
Brad Lubben

2028

Mary Drewnoski

2031

Amit Jhala



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.

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ADDRESS _____

_____ ZIP CODE _____

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E-MAIL _____

Please return the completed form to:

For On-Campus Mail

Robert J. Wright
GSD Membership Coordinator
Entomology Department
ENTO 103 - 0816

For U.S. Mail

Robert J. Wright
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Lincoln NE 68583-0816

Payment may be by check made payable to **Gamma Sigma Delta** or
for paying electronically, our chapter has a **Venmo** account:

https://www.venmo.com/u/NE_Chapter_GSD

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

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.



Dennis Lee Kahl was born on February 8, 1950, in Wakefield, Nebraska to Willis Junior and Evelyn Wilhelmina (Wennekamp) Kahl and passed away on August 12, 2020, in Lincoln, Nebraska surrounded by his family at the age of 70 years. Dennis grew up on the family farm near Wakefield. He attended country school until the fourth grade. Dennis attended Wakefield Public School and was a graduate with the Class of 1968. As a youth he was involved in 4-H and FFA which led to his passion for helping youth grow through those programs. He then attended University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he received his Bachelor of Science degrees in Animal Science and Agricultural Economics and his Master's Degree in Adult and Continuing Education.

On January 7, 1972, Dennis married Nancy Kay Wielage in Lincoln, Nebraska and to this union two children were born, Janelle and Bryan. Dennis had a selfless love for his wife and family. He loved them immensely. Dennis taught Agriculture at Wood River Rural High School for the first 5 years of his career and then transitioned to Extension Education where he worked for Colfax County Extension in Schuyler from 1977 to 1993. The family then moved

to Seward where he worked for the Seward County Extension until retirement in November 2015. Dennis was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in November 1996. He was passionate about agriculture, community growth, and leadership. He spent his career encouraging, empowering, and leading others to be successful. The kindness, uplifting sense of humor and caring that he provided touched so many lives. He was a part of many professional organizations and local groups leading improvements throughout the communities across Nebraska. He was most proud of being selected to participate in the Nebraska LEAD IX program and being chosen as an Outstanding LEAD Alumni. He later helped lead and encourage future groups of community leaders in the LEAD program. He was also awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents & many other recognitions of his leadership and career achievements. Dennis loved all things Nebraska and Cornhuskers. He was a proud football season ticket holder for over 50 years and inspired a love of Husker football and volleyball in his children and grandchildren. Dennis enjoyed camping and spending time outdoors. In retirement he and his wife Nancy volunteered with the National Park Service as campground hosts at Bryce Canyon National Park, Glacier National Park, and Acadia National Park. He enjoyed woodworking, snow and water skiing, boating and technology. Dennis was a member of Sheridan Lutheran Church in Lincoln and Faith Lutheran Church in Seward. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Willis and Evelyn Kahl.

Survivors cherishing his memory include his wife, Nancy, Seward; daughter, Janelle Koepke and husband Shane, Albert Lea, MN; son, Bryan Kahl and wife Cindy, Chadron; six grandchildren: Luke Kahl, Cody Kahl, Samuel Kahl, Julianne Kahl, Brecken Koepke and Evelyn Koepke; sister, Cheryl Johnson and husband Warren, Omaha; two brothers, Randy Kahl and wife Vicky, Houston, TX and Brent Kahl and wife Tatiana, Columbus, OH and a host of friends and colleagues. To this obituary we add our thoughts, prayers and memories of life shared with Dennis. Memorials may be given to the family for later designation to organizations that were important to Dennis.

Col. Warder L. Shires, 88, passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021. Known to many as “Gus” and “Ward” he was born on March 23, 1932 on the family farm outside Red Oak, Iowa, to Harlen and Olove (Isom) Shires. Upon graduation from Elliott High School in 1949 he went on to attend the University of Nebraska and became a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Graduating with a BS degree in 1954 he began his military commission as a second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He attained his pilot wings in April 1955 and began his lengthy flying career. He was a pilot in the Vietnam War and holder of the



Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired from the Air Force while stationed at Offutt AFB in 1975. Ward then began his career at the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension where he worked in collaboration with many residents of Nemaha and Lancaster County and mentored numerous 4-H youth. While working at UNL he completed his MS Degree in 1977. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in November 1986. Upon retirement in 2000 he was awarded Professor Emeritus. Ward spent a significant amount of time volunteering for many organizations. One that he held near and dear was the Civil Air Patrol. This auxiliary unit within the Air Force allowed him to continue mentoring youth. He served as the Wing Commander for the State of Nebraska and was promoted to USAF Colonel and received the honor of being added to the Distinguished Nebraska AFROTC Alumni Hall of Fame. Ward was a Master Mason and member of the Scottish Rite in Lincoln NE. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sandy Shires; Son Tom (Jocelyn) Shires of Grosse Pointe Park, MI; Daughters Ann (Steve) Garey of Polk; Anita (Barry) Hendricks of Houston, TX; KayCee (Steve) Wanser of Lincoln as well as Sandy's children Tami (Mike) Maytum of Raymond and Rob (Nicole) Lyman of Bennett along with 20 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, his Sister Patricia (Lynn) Schaaf of Griswold, IA along with many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were on Friday, March 12, 2021 at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home, Lincoln. Interment in the Omaha National Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to CAP or the Scottish Rite.



Dr. Leland "Lee" Julius Albert Volker, 79, of Walton, NE passed away at home late Friday, March 11, 2022. Lee was born on October 24, 1942 in Humboldt, NE to Lawrence and Lenora (Koehler) Volker.

The eldest of five siblings, Lee grew-up on his family's farm in Humboldt and was baptized and confirmed at St. James Lutheran Church. He graduated from Johnson High School and was the first in his family to attend college at The University of Nebraska where he received a Bachelor's in Dairy Science. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in May 1964. He received his Master's of Science in Dairy Husbandry Management from the University of Missouri and his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine. Lee was united in marriage to Jeanette Louise Hake on August 27, 1966 and they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last year. They enjoyed traveling internationally and spending time with friends and family. Lee was a loving, kind and quick-witted husband, father, brother,

friend and grandfather. He often hosted friends and family and always had a joke or an engaging story to share. He led an abundant life helping and serving others. He strongly believed in donating time and resources to his community and volunteered at Sheridan Lutheran Church, Nebraska Humane Society and Bridges To Hope.

Lee's career as a veterinarian spanned many years starting with the Midvale Veterinary Clinic in Nelliston, NY that he built and owned. He eventually moved back to Nebraska and worked for Norden Labs, SmithKline Beecham Animal Health, Pfizer and the University of Nebraska. He was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association and kept in close contact with many friends from veterinary school. Lee's true passion was spending time working on the original Volker homestead in Humboldt, NE. He enjoyed driving tractors, cutting wood and farming. He was a hard worker and loved being active outdoors.

Lee is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Jeanette Volker of Walton, NE; children: Neil Volker and wife Erika of Papillion, NE; Stacy Wilson and husband Jeff of Ridgewood, NJ; grandchildren: Reagan Volker of Papillion, NE; Tate and Thayer Wilson of Ridgewood, NJ; brothers: Ken Volker and wife Janet of Ft. Meyers, FL; Keith Volker and wife Susan of Lincoln, NE; sister: Carlene Falos and husband Bob of Lincoln, NE; sisters-in-law: Brenda Volker of Webster, FL; Susan Kreifels of Olathe, KS; Karlyn Hake of Wichita, KS; brothers-in-law: Les Hake and wife Teresa of Grand Island, NE; Lawrence Hake; and many

nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Lenora Volker, his brother Merlin Volker, and nephew Brice Volker.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Sheridan Lutheran Church and visitation was March 18, 2022 at Roper and Sons Funeral Home, Lincoln. Interment was March 19, 2022 at St. James Lutheran Church/Long Branch Cemetery, Humboldt, Nebraska.

Memorial donations to Food Bank of Lincoln, Bridges To Hope, or University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine.

Richard “Dick” Dam, 93, surrounded by love, died September 17, 2022. The youngest of four boys, he was born September 17, 1929, in Kalamazoo, MI, to John and Mary (Markusse) Dam. He graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School and Kalamazoo College. He started graduate work at Cornell University. Mid-semester he was drafted into the Army and served in the Korean War. He returned to Cornell where he completed his MS and PhD and met his wife, Lois. He was a professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Nutrition at UNL for 36 years and received an outstanding teaching award. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in May 1965. Following his retirement from UNL, he consulted for BioNebraska. Dick was active in professional societies: Sigma Xi, and the American Chemical Society; community activities: Kiwanis, Edenton Homeowners Association Board, OLLI, Holmes Lake Restoration Committee; and church activities: Christian Education and Diaconate Boards and a long-time usher. He was a loving, patient husband, father, and grandfather, sharing his love of gardening, fishing, and building with his children and grandchildren.



Dick is survived by his wife Lois; children Jennifer (Chris) Shewchuk, Mark (Heather) Dam; grandchildren Sarah (Tom) English, Kate Shewchuk, Erika Dam, and Tanner Dam; sister-in-law, Marilee Dam; brother- and sister-in-law Robert and Judy Pape, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers John, Cecil, and Harry.

A memorial service was held at First-Plymouth Congregational Church on Friday, September 30, 2022. Memorials may be given to Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, First-Plymouth Congregational Church, or donors choice.

John W. Doran Age 77 of Lincoln, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, with his wife, daughter and son-in-law by his side. John was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Janet T. Doran of Lincoln, NE; daughter Karin Perzinski (Michael) of Lincoln, NE; and two grandchildren and their significant others Drew Perzinski (Thea) and Fayth Perzinski (Dane) all of Lincoln, NE. John is also survived by a stepbrother John Brooks (Carol) of Texas; sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins residing in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arizona, Colorado and Canada.



John was born November 12, 1945, in Pittsburgh, PA to James and Barbara Doran (both deceased). He was raised in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC. He received his B.S. degree in Agronomy from the University of Maryland in 1967. John met his wife Janet in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia where they were married on Ground Hog's Day in 1966, after a 3-day delay of their wedding due to a blizzard. In 1967 John, along with his wife Janet, moved to Blacksburg, VA where John received his M.S. in Agronomy (Soil Chemistry) in

1969. Between the years of 1969 to 1972 John served as a Medical Corpsman and a Medical Lab Technician in the Army and was stationed in both Fort Meade, MD and Mannheim, Germany. Following his service, a move was made to Ithaca, NY in 1972, where John received his Ph.D. in Soil Microbiology. It was here daughter Karin was born in 1973.

Upon graduation from Cornell University in 1975, John and family moved to Lincoln, NE where he began his first full-time job as a soil chemist with USDA-ARS Soil and Water Conservation Unit. This included a professor status at the University of Nebraska where he taught Microbiology for seven years and was involved in extensive research in the areas of soil health and sustainable soil management. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in November 1980. He traveled to many countries, including a one year stay in Australia with his wife and daughter. During John's many years as a scientist he developed a soil quality test kit that has been used worldwide. In 2000 he received the Onassis International Prize in Athens, Greece recognizing his contributions to agricultural and environmental sustainability through the development of tools and indicators for on-farm assessment of soil health. With the monetary portion of this award John and his wife Janet set up the Renewing Earth and People (REAP) non-profit foundation which provided training scholarships to professionals and students to broaden understanding and to work to solve issues related to world hunger, social injustice, environmental stewardship and sustainable development. This fund made a reverberating impact both locally and all over the world due to John's pursuit throughout his life and career to be a faithful servant to the earth and its people.

John did so many wonderful things during his lifetime and transformed and was transformed by so many lives. His achievements while vast and impressive were not what was important to John. What was most important to John was his faith, and his commitment to caring for the earth and people. John was hopeful for the future, compassionate, curious, adventurous, tenacious and a great story teller. He was always seeking out the answers to life's big questions and had such a zest for life it was contagious. He believed everyone has a gift to share with the world, and enjoyed talking with others about their lives and dreams. He said he never met a stranger. John had the gift of gab, probably due to his Irish heritage and the fact that he kissed the Blarney Stone more than once. He could form a friendship with anyone and valued a good honest conversation. A member of Antelope Park Church of the Brethren, he enjoyed being of service to others anytime he could and spent many hours volunteering at Community Crops, Ten Thousand Villages, and the Church of the Brethren Western Plains district to name a few of the many organizations he loved.

John loved to 'make good trouble' and often used this quote by John Lewis. When he gave his acceptance speech for the Onassis Award he added onto the end of his speech, unbeknownst to those who had approved it. He felt that if he had the attention of world dignitaries for a few minutes he would say some things that would hopefully settle in a few hearts and minds. His words were, "We enter the future with apprehension about the changes needed to sustain the earth and its people. We each may ask ourselves 'What can I do, I am only one person?', but the first step in any journey, and in the journey toward a sustainable future begins with each of us. As Mahatma Gandhi shared in his vision for a better world, 'We each must be the change that we want to see in the world' and this exhortation to move beyond self was also reflected in the apostle Paul's letter to the new Christians in Corinth almost 2000 years ago. 'Live no longer for yourselves but through Christ be transformed into the new creations that God calls you to be.' Although we have different spiritual beliefs, all faiths instruct us to revere and care for the natural world. We must take individual responsibility for our actions and move together towards this goal. It is a time for a new awakening and revelation for the future welfare of humanity and the earth. Let science be fulfilled through a new spirituality, leading us away from thinking only of ourselves, to be more responsive to the needs of people and the world around us. We are being called into a new land, a new millennium, a new time, what some would call a Jubilee, a time to forgive past debts and a time to return the land to its rightful owner." John was often heard saying to others "In the end, the bottom line is to love one another and to care for the earth." John lived these words daily.

John's family would like to thank all those who have provided comfort and care for John and his family over his years with Parkinson's disease. He was placed in hospice care in July of 2021. His wife Janet

served as his main caretaker, with care also provided by the wonderful staff of the Hospice team at Tabitha and the Journey House. In 2022 as more caregiving was needed, Eric and John's grandson Drew were added as overnight caregivers. We are so grateful to everyone who cared for John and his family. Extended thanks also to John L. who was a great friend to John and continues to be a wonderful friend of the family. Thanks to the many friends who have extended their love and help on this journey. In September of 2022 John shared this with his wife Janet, "Thanks to everyone, especially my loving wife, Janet, and the rest of the family. By the grace of God, it has been a great adventure. Amen!"
 Celebration of Life Services: April 28, 2023, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. - "Remembering John In Laughter" - University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus Student Union, Arbor Suite & April 29, 2023, 11 a.m. - Antelope Park Church of the Brethren, Lincoln. Memorials made be made in John's memory to: Tabitha Hospice, 4720 Randolph St., Lincoln, NE 68510. Please add a memo or note "In Memory of John Doran", or to Church of the Brethren, 1451 Dundee Ave., Elgin, IL 60120 Please add a memo or note "In Memory of John Doran; Global Food Initiative".



Donald H. Steinegger, 87, Lincoln passed away March 15, 2023. Born January 1, 1936, in Milwaukee, WI, to Henry and Laura (Koester) Steinegger. Donald grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, & received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin- Madison and his PhD from UCLA. He taught for several years at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, where he met Susan West. They were married in 1970. They moved to Lincoln where he taught at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as a Professor of Horticulture. At the University he established the Festival of Color yard & garden demonstration show. He was well known as a longtime panelist on Nebraska Public Media's Backyard Farmer. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in November 1991. Donald was known as an amateur chef, baker, & lover of fine wine. After retirement he devoted himself to the cultivation of orchids & served as an officer for the Greater Omaha Orchid Society. He was a member of the St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church. In addition, to being a wonderful husband & father, he loved tending to his garden & numerous pets. Family members include his wife Susan;

daughters Cathleen Steinegger, Toronto, Ontario, CA, and Carolmarie Steinegger (Tom Kelley), Minneapolis, MN; step-grandchildren Bryce, Mya, Anna, and Emily. Preceded in death by his parents and sisters Bernice Brekke, Betty Pritzlaff, and Marion Schreihart. Memorial Service was March 21, 2023 St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church, Lincoln. Memorials to St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church or Alzheimer's Association.

Stephen Dale Danielson of Lincoln was born on February 18, 1952, to Dale and Lorraine Danielson in Holdrege, Neb. and died on May 17, 2023. He attended elementary school at R6 school near Holdrege and graduated from Arapahoe High School in Arapahoe, Neb. He graduated from: University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) with a bachelor's degree in Entomology; Oregon State University with a master's degree in Entomology; and UNL with a Ph.D. in Entomology. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in November 1973. He worked as a professor in the Department of Entomology at UNL until 2017. Preceded in death by his parents (Dale and Lorraine Danielson). Survivors include his wife Kathleen Everts Danielson of Lincoln; sons Jake Danielson and Kyle Danielson of Lincoln; brothers Randy Danielson of Nebraska City; John Danielson (LouAnne) of Weeping



Water; sisters Sandra Steinbach of Fremont; and Shelley (Ron) Ellis of North Platte. He is survived by nieces Angela Danielson Sikarwar, Stephanie Carlin, Maggie Ellis Basgall, and Lacy Ellis Kinderknecht, as well as nephews Tim Danielson, David Danielson, Jeremy Hilker, Justin Hilker, Jeff Hilker, and Aaron Hilker.

Pallbearers: Randy Danielson (brother), John Danielson (brother), Jake Danielson (son), Kyle Danielson (son), Ron Ellis (brother-in-law), and Jon Halleen (brother-in-law).

Celebration of Life service at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home was on Monday, May 22, 2023. Memorials to the University of Nebraska Foundation.



Larry Bitney, 85 years of age, passed away on August 13, 2023, in Lincoln, Nebraska after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Larry was born in a farmhouse north of Neligh in Antelope County, Nebraska, on September 19, 1937, to Dow and Vera (Ward) Bitney. He was united in marriage with Linda Dyson of Brunswick, NE on December 22nd, 1957. After completing a bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Larry began his career as an Assistant County Extension Agent in Dodge County at Fremont. He worked as an Assistant Extension Economist at UNL while completing his master's degree. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in May 1964. The family then moved to Stillwater, Oklahoma where Larry completed his PhD degree in Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. He accepted a faculty position in the Agricultural Economics Department at UNL in 1969 where he served until his 2002 retirement.

During Larry's career he was active in developing financial management education programs for farm and ranch families, especially during the 1980's farm financial crisis. He received several awards, including the "Award for Superior Service" from the USDA and the "Distinguished Educational Service Award" from UNL. Larry authored a paper on developing profit maximizing farm plans using linear programming. IBM translated his work into Russian and it was used at the International Agricultural Fair in Moscow. Larry's international work included a year in Morocco lending his talents to a multidisciplinary team on a dryland farming project.

Larry attributed the success of his educational programs to his collaboration with intelligent, innovative, and ambitious young associates. He appreciated their energy, synergy, and camaraderie, and considered his role as mentor to be one of the great privileges of his life.

Larry enjoyed tinkering with all things mechanical, including antique tractors. He enjoyed frequent trips to Colorado with his family and friends. Larry's faith grew and sustained him through the years, especially as he dealt with the progression of Parkinson's.

Larry is survived by his wife of 65 years, Linda, daughters and sons-in-law Shari Bitney and Doug Kubr, and Jane Bitney and James Robertson, grandchildren Willa Garay, Duncan Martin, Mitchell Robertson (Amber Furness) and Matthew Robertson (Nyamal Wur) and 4 great-grandchildren, Amelia, Isaac, Miles and C.J. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Jean Hardin, and many great mentors, teachers, and friends.

A memorial gathering with family was held at the Wyuka Funeral Home, on August 17, 2023. Memorial service was August 18th, at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Lincoln. Memorials to the Larsen Tractor Test and Power Museum, UNL East Campus.



Alan Moeller, 78, passed away on August 14, 2023, surrounded by family at home in Lincoln. Alan was born on May 24, 1945, in West Point, Nebraska, to Roy and Catherine Moeller, and grew up on a farm northeast of Wisner, Nebraska, with his brother Don. Alan met Lana (Knudsen) Moeller at Love Library while both were attending the University of Nebraska, and they married on September 2, 1967.

After completing his Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics, Alan worked for Cargill, the Nebraska Games & Parks Commission, and the Nebraska Legislative Fiscal Office before starting on a 36 year career with the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) at the University of Nebraska. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in November 1989. He led business, finance, and legislative affairs for IANR and

left behind a legacy of accomplishments. Because of his depth of understanding of the University and state agriculture, Alan was considered the University's primary contact person for state senators and other government officials for agriculture, natural resources, and related areas. In recognition of his contributions to the University and Nebraska agriculture, Alan was a 2014 Honoree of the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement. Alan explored a variety of interests in his spare time, including photography, model trains, restoring classic cars, and rooting for the Huskers.

Upon retirement, Alan and Lana were able to take many special trips together, and to spend extra time with their family and with one another. Alan and Lana celebrated 55 years of marriage in 2022. With his children and grandchildren in mind, Alan also became very active in retirement with the Soil Health Task Force, the Nebraska Elder Climate Legacy Initiative, and as one of 8 founding members of the Nebraska Soil Health Coalition, having the aim to protect the Earth for future generations.

Alan is preceded in death by his parents Roy and Catherine Moeller. Alan is survived by his wife Lana, sons Cameron (Shannon) and Todd (Jill), and grandchildren Owen, Hattie, Anna, August and Calvin; and brother Don (Connie).

A memorial gathering was held on August 26, 2023 at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service was held followed by visitation with family and friends. Memorials can be made to the family for future designation toward Nebraska soil health.

J.C. Cranfill, the son of Ed and Ina (Spiva) Cranfill, was born in Indianhomia, Oklahoma on September 29, 1929 and passed away in Aurora, Nebraska on October 3, 2023, at the age of 94. He grew up in Indianhomia and graduated from Indianhomia High School. He then went on to Hills Business University in Oklahoma City. J.C. then served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, stationed at Ulm, Germany. He was discharged in January of 1953. Following his discharge he worked for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol for three years until he attended Oklahoma A & M, which is now Oklahoma State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture in 1957. After his graduation he moved to Nebraska.

J.C. was united in marriage to Wanda Smith on July 13, 1957. After their marriage he worked for the University of Nebraska as a County Agent Assistant to Corwin Mead in Hamilton County, taking over as County Agent when Mead retired. He then went on to receive his Master of Science Degree from University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1968. J.C. worked as a County Agent for 30 years in Hamilton County. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in November 1984. After his retirement he worked for Cargill for 10 years, then went to work for Heartland Co-op where he trained scouts for insects, weeds and agronomy for eight years and finally



for eight more years for the Co-op Mutual Insurance Company in Omaha for misapplication of chemicals. Wanda passed away on May 28, 1994.

J.C. was a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Lodge and the Aurora United Methodist Church. He loved to go to Scottsdale, Arizona during the Nebraska winters.

He received many honors during his years in Aurora, including Agriculture Distinction Award, Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture 1985 Extension Award of Merit, Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service Distinguished Extension Agent Award, Champion County Agent Award, Aurora Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award and the Robert Carrell Jordan Freemason Award.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. Those who remain to cherish his memory are his sons, Steve of Dallas, TX and Greg of Scottsdale, AZ.



Merwin "Mern" Frey will be remembered fondly by those who knew him. Husband, dad, Yeye, brother, uncle, friend, professor, microbiologist, innovator and waffle-maker are some of the roles for which he is most warmly remembered. Mern passed away peacefully in a Massachusetts hospice with family at his side on October 9, 2023. Mern was the second child of Lester and Rachel (Herley) Frey, followed quickly by twin brother Mart, both born on April 20, 1932, in **Manhattan, Kansas**. They spent their childhood "arm and arm around the farm," continuing a long line of Frey dairy farmers. Mern's memories of this time include large family meals, picnics in the pasture, lemonade breaks while bailing hay, and outings for cherry ice cream. After graduating from Manhattan High School in 1949, Mern attended Kansas State University, earning both a bachelor's degree in dairy husbandry and a DVM in 1956. He spent the following two years as an Air Force food inspector stationed in England, exploring Europe's ski slopes on breaks, and

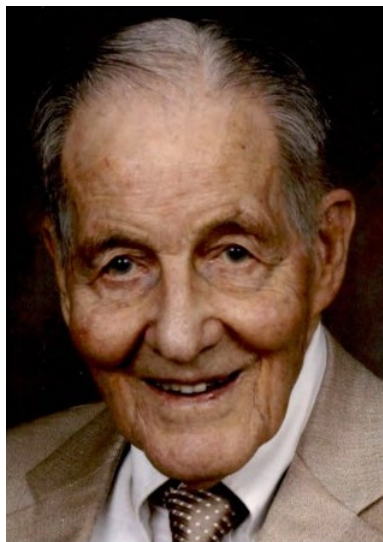
developing his lifelong love of orange marmalade.

After returning to the U.S., Mern spent a year in the Nebraska sandhills as a large animal veterinarian, then accepting an assistantship to study a rare infection in cattle at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. There he met Jo (Shuman), his future bride, earned a PhD, & cheered on the Packers.

Mern and Jo began 59 years of married life on June 24, 1961, in **El Paso, IL**. Later that year, they moved from Madison to Ames, IA where their life was enhanced by great friends & the addition of two children, David, and Jeanne. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta there in April 1969. Mern's career took them throughout the then "Big Eight," first to Stillwater, OK and the veterinary school at Oklahoma State (1973-1977), then to Lincoln, NE & the veterinary science department at University of Nebraska (1977-1990) and finally back to those great friends & colleagues in Iowa as the head of a section of the Diagnostic Virology Laboratory at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory. At each of these stops, family life was deeply enriched through ties to university campuses & sporting events. After retirement, Mern & Jo remained in Story City until 2016 when they moved to **Estes Park, CO** to enjoy their last years together with a gorgeous view of the Rocky Mountains from their living room. After Jo's death in 2020, Mern remained in Colorado for a year before joining his children in Massachusetts for his final years.

Mern loved travel & ventured to many places, including Central and South America, Europe, Africa, & Asia. Fishing, camping, hiking, even piloting a plane, were intermittent hobbies. He enjoyed telling a story & would take hours to make sure you knew every detail of it. He valued technology & was one of the first to own a home computer & VCR, though he also leaves behind many printers that refused to work for him. He was famous for brokering bad financial deals with his children, where they would always come out ahead. He was caring, gentle & loved his grandchildren most of all. Mern is survived by his children David Frey (Helen Cheng) of **Brookline, MA**, and Jeanne Frey (Amanda Graveline) of **Watertown, MA**, brother Mart (Demarious) of **Corpus Christi, TX**, grandkids Kyla, Kerry and Connor as

well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and their families. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Estes Park, CO. Memorials may be in Mern's name to the Rocky Mountain Conservancy.



Dr. Robert (Bob) James Florell of Lincoln, NE passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, October 12 at the age of 98, just before reaching the one-year mark of the passing of his beloved wife, Idonna. Bob was born at home on May 3, 1925 to Carl and Myrtle Florell near Courtland, Kansas, where he was raised. He was confirmed with the class of 1939 in the Ada Lutheran Church. After graduating from Kackley High School in 1942, he attended Fairbury Junior College in Nebraska before serving as a soldier in Korea.

After Korea, he enrolled at the University of Nebraska with the support of the GI Bill, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1949. He taught Vocational Agriculture at Stanton and David City, Nebraska High Schools. It was at David City where he met Idonna Burkhart, the Business Education Teacher. They were married on August 1, 1954, at the Fairbury Methodist Church. They were blessed with 68 wonderful years together. Bob was an avid reader & an eager, lifelong learner. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1956, & was hired by the Nebras-

ka Wheat Commission in 1958 prompting a move to Lincoln, where he & Idonna would live out the remainder of their lives together.

As a Graduate Student at the University of Nebraska he earned a Doctor of Education degree in 1966 in Community & Human Relations. He accepted a position with the University of Nebraska and after 30 years he retired in 1991 from a Cooperative Extension Service Administration staff position and as a Professor in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in May 1967. After retirement, Bob and Idonna traveled extensively, having gone to 6 continents and all 50 states, and were also avid University of Nebraska sports fans. Bob and Idonna were dedicated members of Christ United Methodist Church from 1960 to 2022, when Idonna passed away. Bob continued his membership until his own death. They ushered at the Lied Center for 22 years. Other organizations that Bob belonged to were: Executive Club, Shrine, OLLI, UNL Travel Group and Educators Investment Club.

Bob cherished time with his family and friends. Many of his friendships lasted his whole life. He loved to attend weekly coffee, visits with friends and various activities at the Knolls, where he lived. He was the happiest when he was surrounded by his loving family and always felt so fortunate to be such an important part of their lives.

After 68 years of marriage, Bob and Idonna were blessed with 3 children, 9 grandchildren & 6 great grandchildren. Bob is survived by: son, David (Kerry) Florell of Lincoln, & their 3 boys, Ryan, Tyler, & Brandon; daughter, Brenda (Craig) Nelson of Waterloo, NE, & their 3 children: Elizabeth (Trevor) Stewart, & their 2 children, Skylar & Weston, of Bozeman, MT; & Katie (Devin) McCarthy, & their 2 children, Hadley & Olivia, of Elkhorn, NE; & Travis (Sailor) Nelson, & their 2 children, Zeke & Duke, of Omaha, NE; & son Scott (Amy) Florell of Salt Lake City, & their 3 children, Abigail, Anna, & Scotty. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Idonna Florell, mother, Myrtle Florell, father, Carl Florell, sister, Joyce Patrick, & brother Curtis Edward Florell at birth. Celebration of Life was at Christ United Methodist Church, November 5, 2023. Memorials to Christ United Methodist Church or The Lied Center for Performing Arts.



Paul 'Clover' Hay passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Paul was born March 29, 1951, in Watervliet, Michigan. He grew up on a diversified farm in VanBuren County, Michigan, the family called 'Ivanhoe Place'. His family attended the Congregational church in Bangor, Michigan. Paul graduated valedictorian of Bangor High School in 1969, then went on to Michigan State University where he met his future-

wife Julie Vallender (Beaverton, MI) and earned a B.S. in agriculture. In 1973, the couple moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Paul married Julie at her family home in Beaverton, Michigan, on August 17, 1974. After receiving a Masters degree in Agronomy. Paul took his first Cooperative Extension job as County Agent in Frontier County, Nebraska, in 1975. In 1980, Paul, Julie, and their first two children, moved to Beatrice where Paul became a County Agent for Gage County, Nebraska. Paul remained an Extension Educator for UNL Extension for 42 years, until his retirement. He was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta in November 1996, received the Award of Merit in 2015, and served years in Presidential roles 2019-23.

Paul Hay is preceded in death by his parents, Randolph and Frances (Orris) Hay; brothers Frank Hay (Lawrence, MI) and Randy Hay (Paw Paw, MI); and wards Emery Warren and Janice Herman. Paul is survived by his wife Julie (Vallender) Hay; friend Ardyth Orwen, Brother Joseph (Eva) Hay of Bangor, MI; his children Jasmine (Kelly) Kugler of Lincoln, John (Brooke) Hay of Palmyra, NE, Sarah (Nick) Hay of Sabetha, KS, and Christine (Nirav) Hay of Tuscon, AZ, and grandchildren Elaine (20), Spencer (19), Avery (18), Liatrix (13) and Hubbard (9). Paul and Julie became members of the First Presbyterian Church in 1984 where Paul served in several roles including Sunday school teacher and Elder. For over 40 years, Paul made countless contributions to Gage County agriculture as well as to the University of Nebraska and greater State of Nebraska. Paul had a special interest in the adoption of no-till farming and other conservation practices. As part of Keep Beatrice Beautiful, Paul's efforts and organization of the Tire Amnesty almost always exceeded the tonnage expected. Paul's impact on youth was also expansive. He was often creating new plant science 4-H projects and involving young 4-Hers in unforgettable experiences such as Camp Renegade (in Jefferson County) and Aksarben Catch-a-calf. Teens who participated in Washington Focus trips to the nation's capital will remember Paul as a lively chaperone with an endless fountain of historical information and stories. Paul was an active volunteer with Beatrice Noon Kiwanis for over 30 years, previously serving as treasurer and president. Volunteering through Kiwanis, Paul sold Christmas trees to earn money for the new Beatrice Public Library, and volunteered at MUDECAS tournaments. Invited to crash KWBE morning Birthday line shows, the station even gave away 'Hay, Paul!' t-shirts when he showed up. He entertained crowds as a fill-in announcer at Beatrice High School JV football games. Paul became a Teammates mentor in his retirement, mentoring several young people one-on-one over the years. After retiring, Paul's days were filled with grandchildren, meeting friends for coffee and breakfast, Kiwanis, service to the church, attending Husker sports games, feeding and watching the wildlife in his backyard, and visiting unique museums around Nebraska and the Midwest. Paul was a dedicated Husker fan, keeping up with football, baseball, softball, and volleyball, often watching and listening to several games at the same time. He was a lifelong (MSU) Spartan fan, wearing both red and green on GameDay when NU played Michigan State. Paul was known best as a self-less, hardworking man. He never turned down an opportunity to learn, educate others and share his knowledge, and share life's anecdotes. He was a community leader, demonstrating the very best of "Nebraska Nice" and teaching us how to live our best lives, with the most positive outlook and hope for the future. Many people were encouraged by cards from Paul to recognize birthdays and accomplishments, or just to let them know he thought of them. Paul will be remembered as

an amazing father and grandparent, colleague, friend, and devout Christian. Paul's Celebration of Life Service was held Sunday, November 19, 2023 at the First Presbyterian Church in Beatrice with Pastor Doris Martin officiating. The service will be Livestreamed on www.ghchapel.com, and on the church YouTube page. A reception will be held in the basement of the church following the service. A family prayer service will be held at 1:45 PM Sunday at the church. Public visitation will be held on Saturday from 11:00-8:00 at the Griffiths-Hovendick Chapel in Beatrice with the family there to greet friends from 2-4:00 PM. A memorial has been established to the First Presbyterian Church and to 4-H with Gene and Fran Martin in charge. In remembering Paul, we invite you to share your memories, view his video tribute and service livestream, and upload photos to his memorial page at www.ghchapel.com. Let us remember Paul for his dedicated service, his generous spirit, his witty humor, & let his legacy live on in our hearts.

If you know of any items for inclusion in future Newsletters, including the "In Memoriam" section, please email Chapter Historian, Dana W. R. Boden, dboden1@unl.edu



Gamma Sigma Delta Pledge

**In recognition of my responsibilities as a member of the
Honor Society of Agriculture Gamma Sigma Delta,
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.**