

Max M. Karo

October 15, 1926 - July 13, 2014

Max Melvin Karo, 87, of rural Stuart, died Sunday, July 13, 2014. He was born to the late August and Marie Karo, October 15, 1926, in Atkinson, Ne. Max attended and graduated District 205 from which he then enrolled in 1944 in a short course at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in farm mechanics and animal husbandry. After completion of this course, he returned to the family ranch to become a third generation rancher.



Max married Luella Lorene Hamilton on October 28, 1946. They had two children, Max and Patricia. They lived south of Stuart on the family ranch where they worked together side-by-side ranching, farming and raising their two children. Max's ranching career began at an early age. He started working in the hayfield at age 8 and he was appointed the stacking crew boss at age 11. He held this position his entire life. He worked in the hayfield for 79 years. He looked forward to putting the hay up every year, feeding cattle and being involved in cattle drives. Throughout his career, he mentored and taught many individuals in the community, including his son, daughter and grandsons, how to work hard and run a successful operation. He was known as an honest, hard working, caring and dedicated person. He was also viewed as a loving dad and grandpa. Due to his ranching accomplishments, he received several awards in his lifetime. These include being recognized in 1959 as one of the first irrigators in Holt County where he was honored at a banquet in Kearney, NE, receiving an award for rotation grazing and conservation of land in Sioux City, IA and in 1966 winning the Holt County Soil Conversation Award. Max enjoyed spending his free time with his family doing outdoor activities, including, boating, hunting, water skiing, snowmobiling, snow skiing, watching stock car races and tractor pulls. In later years, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grand children. He had a special passion for dancing, traveling, entertaining and visiting friends with Luella.

Later in life, he devoted his time to being Luella's caretaker. Max was an active member of the Lutheran Church. As an avid member of his church he taught Sunday school, was a Luther League Sponsor and Board Member. He also completed the Bethal Bible Series. Religion was an integral part of Max's life. He read a daily devotion every night before bed.

Max is survived by two children: Max Karo, Jr. and wife Peggy of O'Neill, NE and Patricia Karo of Atkinson, NE. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Matthew and wife Jessica Karo, Michael and wife Stephanie Karo, Kandy and husband Eric Weigel, Kitty and husband Cal Alder, and nine great-grandchildren: Addison Karo, Max Karo, Samantha Karo, Megan Karo, Alyssa Karo, Bailey Weigel, Payton Alder, Maddux Alder and Zoe Alder.

A viewing will be held from 3-8 p.m. Friday, July 18 at Segar Funeral Home with a prayer service to follow at 8 pm. The funeral will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Atkinson.

Source: Seger Funeral Home website