

A heart of gold stopped beating
Hard working hands now rest
This has been one of life's challenges
But they do say, God only takes the best

We sat with you by your bedside
Our hearts became crushed and sore
We saw our duty through to the end
Until, we could do no more

A life of kindness and laughter
Your love for all the family so true
You did your best for all of us
And we will always remember you

You leave behind a legacy
So great, it's beyond measure
Our hearts full of beautiful memories
So precious that we will treasure

You have been life's greatest blessing
A good friend to all that you knew
We take great comfort in knowing that
We are proud to have been a part of you

Until the time comes we meet again
Who knows how long we have to wait
On behalf of your friends and family, we say
We love you Dad, You sure were great!

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In Loving Memory Of



Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr.
June 12, 1951 ~ November 11, 2025

Stephen S. Dlabal, Jr. passed on to eternal life November 11, 2025, in Salina, KS at the age of 74. He was born to Stephen S. Dlabal, Sr. and Ida (Vlcek) Dlabal on June 12, 1951.

Steve attended North Blackwolf school and later graduated from Wilson High School in 1969. He then advanced his studies by attending NCKA Vo-Tech in Beloit, KS. He earned a Farm Mechanics degree, graduating in 1971. This was right up his alley as he was always fixing or building something. Growing up on a farm and then making a living as a farmer and cattleman, Steve was always working with his hands and tending the land. He had a deep passion for agriculture and devoted many hours farming.

He also had a passion for family history and heritage. Steve was honored to be able to live on the Dlabal homestead and upkeep the beautiful farmhouse that was built in 1919. The house was home to many generations of Dlabals. A favorite time of year was hosting family reunions on the farm where memories could be shared and new memories made.

Steve was committed to his community and never met a stranger. He greatly enjoyed visiting with anyone from neighbors to someone he just met. He served on various boards including the Noble Township Board for many years. He was an Ellsworth County Commissioner for seven years and did his best to represent his district. Steve's faith was a pillar in his life, an active member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church his entire time on earth. He was also in the Knights of Columbus and held the roles of District Deputy and Grand Knight.

Between farming and church, Steve found time for polka dances where he met the love of his life, Carmel. They were united in marriage on October 1, 1977, and continued to dance through life, enjoying polka music till Steve's final hours. To their union, were born four children whom he loved deeply. Steve was a dedicated husband and father, always making sure his family was taken care of. He was so proud of his children and supportive in all they ventured to do. He passed on to them his love and knowledge of farming, strong work ethic and dedication to family. Steve also very much enjoyed his title of Papa, as eleven grandchildren found humor in his antics.

Stephen was preceded in death by his parents, Stephen and Ida Dlabal, sister-in-law Rosemary Dlabal, brother-in-law Jeff Dunn, and sister-in-law Crystal Maguire. His legacy will live on in those surviving including his wife of 48 years, Carmel (May) Dlabal, children: Corwin (Jennifer) Dlabal, Darwin (Sarah) Dlabal, Melanie (Tony) Elizondo, Stephanie (Austin) Rathbun, and grandchildren: Abigail, Caleb, Chisholm, Quentin and Kyler Dlabal, Kash and Emmy Dlabal, Easton, Calder, Merritt, and Jolie Mae Elizondo. Other family surviving includes brother James Dlabal and numerous nieces and nephews.

Stephen Sylvester Dlabal, Jr.

1951 - 2025

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

*St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church ~ Wilson, Kansas
November 17, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.*

CELEBRANTS

*Father Tony Kulandaijesu
Father Norbert Dlabal*

MASS SERVERS

Cody Charvat Eli Brokes

LECTOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Justine Dlabal Tony Brokes

GIFT BEARERS

Craig May Kimberly Maguire Joshua Dlabal

MUSICIANS

*Vocalist ~ Teresa Gasper
Organist ~ JoAnn Whitmer*

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

*"Here I Am, Lord"
"Eye Has Not Seen"
"Seed, Scattered and Sown"
"On Eagle's Wings"
"How Can I Keep From Singing"*

PALLBEARERS

*Joshua Dlabal Aaron Dlabal Ethan Dlabal
Craig May Ryan May Kelvin May*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Mike Kratky Dale Homeier Gary Kratky Melvin Macek

INTERMENT

St. Wenceslaus Cemetery ~ Wilson, Kansas

MEMORIAL

St. Wenceslaus Cemetery Fund