

Interment

St. John's Cemetery, Bahner, MO

Military Honors

United States Army, VFW Post # 2591

Pallbearers

Grandsons: Tyler Klein, Joseph Klein, Tony Sebben,
Brent Gerke, Scott Gerke, and Jordan Brooks

Honorary Bearers

Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren



Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

**While processing to the cemetery, please be
sure to turn on your lights and hazards!**

A LIFE REMEMBERED



DONALD LEO KLEIN

JULY 16, 1932

AUGUST 8, 2025



Donald Leo Klein

Donald Leo Klein, 93, of Smithton, MO, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on August 8, 2025. Don was born on July 16, 1932, on the family farm in Smithton, to Joe B. Klein and Helen Marie (Weller) Klein, who preceded him in death. He lived a life deeply rooted in faith, hard work, and strong family values.

On May 19, 1956, Don married the love of his life, Juanita May Aggeler, beginning a marriage that spanned 69 years. Together, they built a beautiful life grounded in love, shared dreams, and a steadfast commitment to their family.

Don was a proud graduate of the 8th grade class at St. John's Bahner Catholic School. He often joked that it was a wonder he made it that far, yet he treasured the lifelong friendships formed there. He served his country honorably in the United States Army, spending time on the artillery front lines during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954, earning the rank of Sergeant.

A dedicated farmer, Don spent his life working the land alongside his father until retirement. His son Jeff joined him in the fields in 1983, followed by his grandson Tyler in 2012. For Don, farming wasn't just a livelihood—it was a legacy, proudly passed down through generations.

Those who knew Don will remember his love for six simple things - each beginning with the letter "F": faith, family, friends, farming, fishing, and, of course, food. These guiding principles shaped his life and remain his enduring legacy. Don was also an avid dancer, bringing joy to many through his easy smile and graceful steps.

He will be remembered for his gentle spirit, unwavering work ethic, and deep devotion to those he loved. His grandchildren will carry fond memories of his "grandpa advice," and his children will smile at the thought of his famous sayings.

In addition to his wife, Juanita, Don is survived by six children: Donna (Lee) Waters of Raytown; Randy (Gloria) Klein of Mora; Jeff (Stacey) Klein of Smithton; Mary (Joe) Sebben of Raymore; Joan (Joe Lee) Gerke of Pilot Grove; and Ricky (Missy) Klein of Independence. He is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters, Martha Doogs of Sedalia, Shari Farrington (Bob), and Carolyn Kaiser, both of Cole Camp; and a brother-in-law, Russell Harbit of Lee's Summit.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his siblings, Marie Garrett, Dorothy Logan, Virginia Klein, James Klein, and Shirley Harbit.

Mass of Christian Burial

10:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Sacred Heart Chapel of St. Vincent de Paul, Sedalia, MO

Officiants

Rev. Joseph S. Corel - Presider/Homilist

Arvol Bartok - Deacon

Musician

Darrin Hartman - Organist/Vocalist

Gift Bearers

Emily Metcher & April Pilant

Altar Servers

Mike Close & Michael Eufinger

Order of Service

Processional Hymn: *"Here I Am Lord"*

First Reading: Wisdom 4:7-15 proclaimed by Doug Benitz

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23 *"The Lord Is My Shepherd"*

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-12 proclaimed by Doug Benitz

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-21 proclaimed by Deacon Arvol Bartok

Preparation of Gifts Hymn: *"Be Not Afraid"*

Communion Hymn: *"How Great Thou Art"*

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Ryan Metscher

Communion Meditation: *"Ava Maria"*

Recessional Hymn: *"Amazing Grace"*

Memorials

St. John's Cemetery Association in Bahner, MO

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