

Ernest B. Chapek, 73 of Wahoo, NE, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at Saunders Medical Center in Wahoo. He was born August 22, 1942 in Wahoo, NE to Bernard and Anna (Machovec) Chapek. Ernie attended St. Wenceslaus School and graduated from Wahoo Catholic High School in 1960. He graduated with honors from the UNL College of Business. On October 30, 1965, he was united in marriage to Marie Smetak at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wahoo. Ernie worked for Woodmen Accident and Life in Lincoln for many years until his retirement. Following his retirement, Ernie continued working in the insurance industry. Ernie enjoyed the farm life with his cattle and antique tractor collection, and especially enjoyed attending cattle shows and sales and participating in antique tractor pulls. Ernie also enjoyed spending time with the grandchildren while at the farm and at their sporting events. Ernie will be remembered as a great family man and as a community supporter.

Ernie was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus #1833. He served on the St. Wenceslaus Parish Council; he was a past president and member of the Saunders County Fair Board, and a lifetime member of the National Polled Hereford Association.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Marie Chapek; children: Nancy (Erin) Marotz and David (Jill) Chapek; grandchildren: Tyler and Morgan Marotz, Kerstyn and Baylie Chapek; sisters: Mary Ann (Vennie) Kavan of Wahoo, Bernadine Tobey of West Point, Martha (Garth) Hengen of Mesa, AZ, Wilma (Roger) Matuska of Livermore, CA; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Bernard and Anna Chapek and brother-in-law Allen Tobey.

Mass of Christian Burial, Tues. (12/29/15) 10 a.m. St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Wahoo. Celebrant, Rev. Charles Townsend.

Visitation, Mon. (12/28/15) 5-7 p.m. with 7 p.m. Knights of Columbus Rosary all at Church. Interment at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery.

Memorials in care of the family for future designation.

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