

Obituary
John W. Noler

John Walter "Jack" Noler was born on December 16, 1934 in Friend, Nebraska to John Henry and Bessie (Johnson) Noler, the youngest of two children and died after a long and courageous battle with cancer on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lincoln at the age of 73 years, 2 months and 19 days. Jack was baptized January 1, 1935, confirmed on June 26, 1949 at St. John's Lutheran Church where he became a life-long member. He attended Cordova Public School and graduated with the Class of 1952 and furthered his education at Doane College. Jack enlisted in the US Navy and served with the Seabees in the Philippines and Marshall Islands and after his discharge he returned to Cordova and trucked with his uncle at "Finke and Noler Truck Lines".

Jack purchased Finke and Noler Trucking in 1969 which became "John Noler Trucking". John retired in 2002 and over the years, he enjoyed serving his many customers. Many accident free miles were driven by his long-term faithful drivers. After his retirement, Jack enjoyed "tinkering", "woodworking" activities and collected antique tools. He made several crèches for family members and the church. Jack also enjoyed feeding the birds and working on his lawn and garden. Jack loved spending time with his family and sitting on the deck enjoying quiet time.

John enjoyed sports and he tried to attend as many Nebraska University games as possible. He met the love of his life at a Missouri / Nebraska football game and later was united in marriage to Mary Susan Moran on October 22, 1977 at St. Richards Catholic Church in Omaha. To this union two daughters, Bridget and Michelle were born. Following their marriage, Jack and Susan haven't missed a Missouri / Nebraska game.

Jack served St. John's Lutheran Church, Cordova, in many capacities, holding many offices over the years and was a leader in the building of the new church. He was always very sociable and enjoyed seeing friends and acquaintances wherever he traveled. John served the Village of Cordova as mayor for 24 years, and was an active member of the Cordova Volunteer Fire Department. He also was a member of the L. Petersen American Legion Post #359. More recently, Jack served as a board member on the Friend Public School Foundation.

John is survived by his wife, Susan, daughters and sons-in-law, Bridget and Ryan Burke, Omaha, Michelle and Matt Hoppe, Omaha, sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Robert Leibee, Westlake, La., brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Tim and Patricia Moran, Tampa Fla., Michael Moran, Meeker, Colo., Kevin and Marie Moran, Galveston, Tex., nieces, nephews and host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Funeral Service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 10th, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cordova with Rev. Kris Rebentisch officiating. Interment will be in the Zastrow Cemetery, Cordova with military services

conducted by the L. Petersen American Legion Post #359 of Cordova. Visitation was on Sunday from 1-9 p.m. at Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend with the family greeting friends from 4-7 pm at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to St. John's Lutheran Church Parsonage Fund or donor's choice. Pallbearers were Dwight Johnsen, Kenny Due, Willard Zastrow, Ray Gard, Bernie Stych and Don Kranz. Wilma Gard, organist, accompanied the congregation as they sang, "Amazing Grace" "On Eagles' Wings" and "How Great Thou Art". Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend. Condolences may be sent to the family at laubermoore.com.