

Obituary
Kenneth G. Chab

Kenneth G. Chab, of Friend, was born on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1938 to Elmer C. and Blanch K. (Tupa) Chab at the farm home one mile east of Swanton, Nebraska. He was the youngest of two children. He passed away on Monday, August 6, 2007 at the Crete Manor in Crete at the age of 69 years, 3 months and 20 days. In March of 1940 the family moved to a farm 3 miles east and 1 1/2 south of Beaver Crossing, Nebraska where Kenny lived for 23 years. He attended rural school and graduated in 1955 from Beaver Crossing High School. Kenny loved sports and played baseball, softball, basketball and football. He also played the clarinet in the school band. On September 17, 1961, Kenneth was united in marriage to Glory J. Pribyl at the First Congregational Church in Friend and to this union two daughters, Susan Elaine and Linda Kay were born.

Kenny furthered his education at the Milford Trade School and worked highway construction between Crete and Lincoln, helped construct an elevator in Lincoln and worked at the Milford Bowling Alley to finance his degree as an auto mechanic. Kenny began a long career in auto mechanics by working for Bud Dinneen at Exeter from 1957 to 1958 before continuing his employment in Friend at Eberhardt's Rambler. Eight years later, Kenny accepted the Service Manager's position for Rediger Chevrolet, Inc. in Milford where he worked for 38 years until his retirement. Working on motors was his life time occupation, but in his spare time, Kenny enjoyed working on motors and other projects at home – his hands were always busy.

After the death of his father on November 6, 1960, Kenneth farmed the family farm until the death of his mother on June 28, 1963 when he moved his family to Friend. He was a devoted son, husband, father and grandfather and loved spending time with his daughters and his grandsons.

Ken was an active member of the United Church of Christ, Friend and was serving as Deacon at the onset of his illness in March of 2006. He has served his church in many capacities; the most rewarding was serving as Chairman of the Building Committee of the new church built in 1974-1975. Ken was a Master Mason of the Friend Masonic Lodge #73 AF&AM. He was also a member of the Friend Country Club and the American Bowling Congress.

He is survived by his wife Glory Chab, daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Steinar Swanson, Friend, daughter, Linda Placek, DeWitt, grandsons, Ford Placek and Austin Placek, DeWitt, sister, Betty Krajnik, Swanton, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gary and Lois Pribyl, Friend, Thomas and Gladys Weber, Exeter, aunt, Alice Andrew, Wymore, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Robert Krajnik.

A Funeral Service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2007 at the United Church of Christ, Friend, with Rev. Jack Scavo officiating. The Masonic service was conducted by Friend Lodge #73 AF&AM with Fran Crowe and Marvin Kraus as readers. Interment was at 1:30 p.m. in the Wilber Czech

Cemetery at Wilber. Visitation was on Wednesday with the family greeting relatives and friends in the evening at Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend, and one hour before service at the church. Memorials have been established and are directed in care of the family. Pallbearers were Don Norris, Joe Svehla, Charles Vossler, Mark Roth, Jerry Smetter and Darryl Novak. Carolyn Taylor, organist, accompanied the quartet of Dick Weber, Everett Stewart, Willard Johansen and Brad Ramp as they sang "Beyond The Sunset" and "How Great Thou Art". Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Friend. Condolences may be sent to the family at laubermore.com.