



## Charles John Warga Jr.

September 23, 1929 - April 11, 2020

CHARLES JOHN WARGA JR.

1929 – 2020

Charles “Charlie” John Warga Jr., age 90 of Plattsmouth, NE peacefully passed away with his family at his side on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at his residence.

He was born on September 23, 1929 to Charles John Sr. and Josephine M. (Vanek) Warga on his family farm southwest of Plattsmouth. Charlie started his education at Rock Bluff School and graduated from Plattsmouth High School in 1947. After graduating from high school, he attended classes at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). In his early years he helped his father in farming and livestock and he used his electronic knowledge in radio and television repair on the farm. In February 1957, he married Irene Gunia in Omaha, NE. It was then he began his business of television appliance sales and service. In 1961, he started Warga Realty, which he ran for 58 years until December 2019, during which time he constructed over 30 homes in the Plattsmouth and Beaver Lake area using local contractors. He also held a Nebraska Appraisers License. After much deliberation and planning, Charlie formed the Platte Broadcasting Company and built KOTD AM Radio Station in 1970. In 1993, KOTD FM also began operation. The stations served Plattsmouth and Omaha area for 32 years. He was also instrumental in the building of the 75 Mart convenience store near Beaver Lake in 1989. Charlie also participated in many community activities. He was a past

Plattsmouth Rotary President, Past President of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce, and serve many years on the Plattsmouth Planning Commission. Charlie also served on the Midlands Hospital board helping to oversee the construction of the hospital. In 1996, Charlie was crowned the Korn Carnival King. He also was awarded the Plattsmouth High School Alumni of the year in 2017. Charlie was a lifelong member of the Church of the Holy Spirit having served on the Parish Council, Knights of Columbus, and as an usher. His faith and family were the most important to him in life and he will be greatly missed by all of his family and many friends.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 63 years: Irene, three sons and daughters-in-law: Steve (Joni), Tom (Sharon), Joe (Deb), one daughter and son-in-law: Mary Jo (John) Meisinger, 12 grandchildren: Melissa (Ish) Cole, Natalie (Matt) Powers, Angie Rain, Brett (Geneice) Warga, Dan (Jamie) Warga, Nathan (Annie) Meisinger, Nick Warga, Mike Warga, Joshua Warga (fiancee Krystell), David Warga, Sarah Warga, and Beki Warga, 12 great grandchildren, one brother-in-law and sister-in-law: George and Marsha Gunia, three nieces, one nephew, and many cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Charles Sr. and Josephine Warga, his sister: Josephine M. Warga, and his great granddaughter: June Meisinger. Private Family Visitation for Charlie will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at Roby Funeral Home in Plattsmouth.

Private Family Rosary will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth.

A Private Family Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 A.M., Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at Church of the Holy Spirit with Father Michael Houlihan officiating and Terry Little as vocalist. (See the Church of The Holy Spirit Facebook page for service streaming information.)

The Pallbearers will be Stephen Warga, Thomas Warga, Joseph Warga, John Meisinger, Nathan Meisinger, Dan Warga, and David Warga.

The Honorary Pallbearers will be Mike Warga, Joshua Warga, Brett Warga, and Nick Warga.

His Final Resting Place will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Plattsmouth.  
The family suggests Memorials to Church of the Holy Spirit, Cass County  
Historical Society, or for Masses.

Services Entrusted to Roby Funeral Home, 346 Ave. A, Plattsmouth, NE  
68048 (402) 296-3123 [robyfuneralhome.com](http://robyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **Holy Sepulchre Cemetery**

149 Oak Hill Road  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles John Warga Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *I deepest sympathy to you Irene and your family. So many beautiful years together filled with the memories of a lifetime, may all of those help to Navigate you through the sadness your feeling. I pray for the love and support of Jesus to strengthen and support you as you walk the path ahead. He was a man of many talents and will be deeply missed. With deepest sympathy, Elaine Hoffman*

**Elaine Hiffman** - April 15, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to Irene and family . He accomplished so much in his lifetime. Charlie will not be forgotten. Ficklin and Gochenour families*

**Rose Marie Ficklin** - April 15, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy, prayers, and thoughts to Irene and her family on the loss of your loved one, Charlie. God Bless each of you.*

*Cindy L. Fees-Hornback  
Omaha, NE*



**Cindy Fees-Hornback** - April 14, 2020 at 12:53 PM

KH

“ Another Portsmouth citizen has passed away - Charles J. Warga Jr. a fixture in this town. He will be missed by his family and friends. Most of all he will be missed for his kind attitude and wise words of encouragement during time of hardship. Praying for comfort and understand for his family and friends at this difficult time. Our community has lost another good man who can never be replaced. God we pray for guidance, love, hope and strength to build our faith in thee. Amen.

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**Kimberly Heier** - April 14, 2020 at 12:17 PM

PS

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Charlie Warga. Blessings and God's peace to the family at this difficult time. Pam Shenefield

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**Pam Shenefield** - April 13, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Charles John Warga Jr..



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April 13, 2020 at 09:20 PM

DM

“ *What a loss to Jeannie and me. We moved from Colorado to join Charlie and Irene to help them build KOTD. While Jeannie and I were hired by the Wargas, we were never treated as employees, we were always part of the Warga family. First Thanksgiving in 1969 we were sitting down for dinner as if it had always been. Charlie was a huge mentor to us. He taught us how to serve a community. He made sure I was involved and that kind of discipline to always serve were best lessons in life with rewards that followed without expecting any in return. The investment Charlie and Irene made was huge in building 3 tall towers, a radio studio, special equipment and then providing jobs. I can not over emphasize that was a very huge financial commitment just to make sure Plattsmouth had their own daily radio service. Little doubt in my mind, the Lord will shine on him. I am looking forward in meeting up someday with my old friend in heaven. Charlie left a huge legacy in your family.*

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**David Messing** - April 13, 2020 at 08:38 PM

MV

“ *Charlie will be missed. He and Irene were one of the first parishioners to welcome us to Church of the Holy Spirit. We'll miss his smile. He'll always be in our hearts. We are having a Mass said for Charlie on April 28th.....Mike and Pat Vaughn*

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**Mike & Pat Vaughn** - April 13, 2020 at 07:32 PM