

Tom Giessel



Tom was born in Larned, Kansas, and grew up on a family farm. He graduated from Fort Hays State University, with a B.S. in Geology.

After a short stint with Western Geophysical Company, Tom's love of farming took him back to Kansas and into a farming partnership with his brother and father. After his father's death in 1985, Tom continued farming with his brother until this year. Today, he continues to farm with his wife Sheryl but on a smaller scale. Tom married Sheryl in 1976 and they have 3 children: Andrew, Kate, and Ann. Sylvia is their one and only grandchild.

For all of his adult life, Tom has been active in the Farmers Union organization. He is currently a member of Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, an organization which played a major role in shaping Ogallala Commons.