



Bert Thomas Selness

December 31, 1949 - May 15, 2015

Bert Thomas Selness, age 65 died on May 15, 2015 in Hampton, Iowa after a short illness with Cancer.

He was born to Harold and Helen (Dahl) Selness on December 31, 1949 in Decorah, Iowa.

Bert grew up on the Selness century farm. His boyhood days were spent playing softball, football and other outdoor activities with his siblings. Bert was baptized and confirmed at the Highland Lutheran Church. He worked alongside Harold on the family farm where his love for tractors came to be. He became an avid collector of miniature tractors throughout his life.

Bert was the second, out of what would become sixteen children to graduate from Spring Grove High School, Bert graduated in 1968. He was an active FFA member throughout high school and played football during his senior year.

In 1969, Bert was drafted into the United States Army for the Vietnam war where he served one year overseas. After being discharged in 1971 he started farming with his uncle Roald Selness. Bert became a member of the VA advisory board for Winneshiek County and the Spring Grove American Legion. Bert was very patriotic, which lead him to start the annual family Fourth of July celebrations. When not busy celebrating the Fourth of July or farming Bert enjoyed driving his tractor in the Hesper-Mabel Steam Engine Day parade.

Bert is survived by his fifteen siblings Paula (Bob) Vogt, Karen (Alan)

Erickson, Sunday (Renn) DeBoer, Barb Lund, Gary (Kristy), Steven, Mark, Diane (Tom) Poirier, Eric, Rolf (Michelle), Caroline (Kevin) Posterick, Todd, Ruth (Dan) Sponsel, David, and Wendy (Mark) Willner.

Twenty-Five nieces and nephews, and three great-nephews and four great-nieces survive.

Bert's parents, a niece and a nephew have preceded him in death.

Cemetery Details

Highland Lutheran Cemetery

Decorah, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Roble Funeral Home
225 East Main Street
P.O. Box 368
Spring Grove, MN 55974
(507) 498-3875
mor4law@springgrove.coop
<https://roblefuneralhome.com/>

Service

MAY 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Highland Lutheran Church
Decorah, IA

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I remember Bert coming home from Nam & he had saved a bunch of his "sea ration" chocolates for us younger siblings. What a thoughtful & loving big brother. We love & miss you, rest in peace.

Ruth Sponsel - May 21, 2015 at 01:53 PM

SI

“ "Baby Ranger", you make us proud, thanks for your service to our country! You will forever be in our hearts and memories. Miss you , love you! Your 15 Siblings

Sister - May 21, 2015 at 01:52 PM

LC

“ I grew quite fond of "my buddy Bert" while he resided at the Rehabilitation Center of Hampton. I will miss him so much! - Lori Craighton

Lori Craighton - May 19, 2015 at 03:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bert Thomas Selness.



May 19, 2015 at 11:01 AM

DB

“ I was in basic training with Bert at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, November 1969. Bert was a friend to everyone and it was enjoyable being with him. Our sincere sympathy to your family. Don and Nancy Brincks, Calmar, Iowa.

Donald Brincks - May 19, 2015 at 08:14 AM

DA

“ RIP Bert, thanks for all the memories, your littlest brother.

daselness - May 18, 2015 at 08:44 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bert Thomas Selness.



May 18, 2015 at 07:58 PM

BH

“ Bert was a special cousin, he always had a smile on his face. My brother and him did many things together. I don't know if it was always good, but they were like brothers growing up. Will miss you cuz..

Bonnie L Hammon - May 17, 2015 at 05:32 PM