



Harold Odell Olerud

June 9, 1926 - September 14, 2015

Harold Odell Olerud passed through death into the eternal care of our Lord on Monday, September 14th at Gundersen Tweeten Care Center in Spring Grove at the age of 89 years old.

Born June 9, 1926 to Halvor and Thora (Thorson) Olerud at the home farm in Spring Grove in Wilmington twp. Mrs. Alfred Thorson, Thora's sister in law delivered Harold. He was baptized in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Spring Grove, and confirmed by Rev. Oscar Mikkelson. He attended school in the Morken School District "77 for seven years. In the 8th and 9th grade he attended public school and then quit school to go farming until 1943. He married Bernice Gilbertson in Scobie, Montana on March 27, 1948.

In 1953 he purchased a farm south of Spring Grove from his father-in-law, Clarence Gilbertson where he lived and raised his children.

Harold sold Funks Seed Corn for 10 years. He raised Hogs, Cattle and milked dairy cows and raised corn and oats. He bought his first Massey Ferguson combine and did corn picking until 2003. Harold owned and operated several new combines and enjoyed sharing his love for harvest by giving rides to youngsters. He enjoyed fishing in Northern Minnesota, playing cards and entertaining his family. He also enjoyed taking care of his great-grandchildren. Harold is survived by his children, Duane (Rachel) Olerud, Jeanette Olerud Page, Donna (Dave) Trehus, all of Spring Grove, MN and Daryl (Teri) Olerud of Mesa, AZ.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Todd (Patti) Olerud and Kevin (Amy)

Olerud, Tara Gerard and Chad Espelien, Darcy (Quentin) Thorson, Thomas Trehus, Chase Olerud and Jessica Sorensen, and Lacey Olerud and seventeen great-grandchildren. Survivors also include a sister, Helen Hallberg of Chicago, IL and a very dear friend, Mildred Paulson Danielson of Hesper, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Bernice Olerud, two sons Kenneth and Lyle Olerud, brothers, Theodore, Art and Henry Olerud and a sister Emma Stange.

May God richly bless the remembrance of Harold Olerud and all who knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44
Spring Grove, MN 55974

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **18**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 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/>

Memorial Service

SEP **19**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
203 E. Main St.
Spring Grove, MN 55974
trinity@springgrove.coop

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Olerud spoke Norwegian and offered to be one of the research subjects for my group that came from Norway to Spring Grove last June. We are very grateful for this and sad that he is no more.*

Janne Bondi Johannessen, Professor, University of Oslo.

Janne M B Johannessen - September 19, 2015 at 09:39 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Odell Olerud.*



September 17, 2015 at 10:48 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Harold Odell Olerud.*



September 17, 2015 at 08:26 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Harold Odell Olerud.*



September 15, 2015 at 11:08 PM

JL

“ I am an antiques dealer & now live in Cresco, Ia. I was displaying my items at a flea market in Eitzen, Mn. on a 4th of July weekend. Along came this handsome man in light beige slacks & a splashy shirt that looked Hawaiiin. As he came closer into my view I said to my husband, "My God, that's my Uncle". (My Dad's brother) I was so proud of him ---- looking so great for his age. He looked like a movie star. My deepest sympathies to my cousins & their families. Such a loss. Joie Lee

Joie Lee - September 15, 2015 at 12:51 AM

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Thinking of Duane & Rachel during this time of loss...

Dave & Wilma Schoh - September 16, 2015 at 01:55 PM