



Bernard Heckman

August 20, 1923 - January 31, 2013

Bernard William Heckman was born August 20, 1923 in Valley City, ND, the son of John and Emily (Froelich) Heckman. He grew up on the family farm. Bernie was baptized at Zion Getchell Lutheran Church and was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church.

He attended rural school before attending Valley City High School. He farmed with his family. On March 7, 1945, he entered the US Army. Upon his discharge on November 8, 1946, he continued farming.

On December 30, 1955, Bernie married Clarice Johnson in Moorhead, MN. They made their home in Valley city where he farmed and was a substitute mail carrier for 27 years before becoming a full time carrier. He was full time for 11 years, retiring on November 30, 1990. Besides farming and working for the postal service, Bernie was always willing to help out whenever and wherever he could.

Bernie was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Valley City. He also belonged to the Barnes County Wildlife Club and was a member of the VFW and the Eagles. He enjoyed hunting, bowling, and especially visiting with friends and family over a cup of coffee.

He died on January 31, 2013 at Mercy Hospital in Valley City with family by his side. Bernie is survived by his wife, Clarice of Valley City; son, Greg of Glendive, MT, daughter, Dianne Heckman of Gig Harbor, WA; 8 grandchildren; a great grandson; a sister, Geneva Shockley of Valley City; and sisters-in-law, Ethel Heckman and Joie Heckman both of Valley City.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Lawrence and Lloyd; and a sister, Dorothy Kilcrease.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
499 - 4th Ave. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

NJ

“ *Nancy Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Bernard Heckman*



Nancy Johnson - February 08, 2013 at 03:44 AM

NJ

Bernard you will be missed by many, and I am one. You were a good and kind man and a wonderful brother-in-law. I am so glad I was able to be a part of your family.

Nancy Johnson - February 08, 2013 at 03:46 AM

JB

“ *Judy And Darell Berg lit a candle in memory of Bernard Heckman*



Judy and Darell Berg - February 07, 2013 at 10:42 PM

ML

“ *You have our deepest sympathy. Bernie delivered our mail for many years, One year he gave our kids a UNO card game for Christmas, that's how special he was. He always was smiling and would joke around. He was always happy and laughing. He was a GREAT guy!!!!*

Glenn and Marilyn Lahlum

Marilyn Lahlum - February 07, 2013 at 09:18 AM

AJ

“ My love & sympathy go out to you all. Gene worked with Bernie in the Post Office and often came home with "Bernie stories" to share. I know he enjoyed working with him, My mother & brother looked forward to mail delivery time and especially when he delivered it to the door and chatted a bit. Bernie leaves a lot of good memories for many people.

God Bless ...Arlene Johnson

arlene johnson - February 06, 2013 at 12:18 PM

CB

“ Bernie... You were a wonderful neighbor, friend, and adoptive grandpa! Thank you for being part of our life. We are going to miss your great sense of humor!

The Bastians

Chris Bastian - February 06, 2013 at 10:30 AM

CR

“ *Connie Ronholm lit a candle in memory of Bernard Heckman*



connie ronholm - February 05, 2013 at 11:17 PM

GC

“ *Gaylen Aas & Carol lit a candle in memory of Bernard Heckman*



Gaylen Aas & Carol - February 05, 2013 at 09:20 AM