



## Byron Botner

March 9, 1924 - September 23, 2010

Byron Kenneth Botner was born March 9, 1924 in LaMoure County, ND. His parents were Carl and Inga (Haarsager) Botner. He was baptized May 11, 1924 in the High Prairie Church near Benson Corner in LaMoure County. He was confirmed November 27, 1938 at High Prairie. He farmed with his father until 1947, when the family moved to Pisek, ND.

On June 21, 1949, he was united in marriage to Berniece Bubach at Trinity Lutheran Church at Griswold. Byron and Berniece moved back into the Griswold area to start farming in 1952. Byron enjoyed farm life and considered it a privilege to farm. He loved the smell of newly plowed soil, harvest and newly mown hay. He loved his John Deere machinery. He also enjoyed dancing when his health permitted him to do so and enjoyed strumming on his guitar in the evenings. He enjoyed watching TV, his favorite programs were MASH, Cheers, and Andy Griffith, and he loved watching cartoons with the kids on Saturday mornings.

He was a long-standing member of the Eagles in Valley City, a member of the Farmers Union and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Byron leaves his wife of 61 years, Berniece; 5 children, Lynette (Jeff) Meiers of Ross, ND, Gary (Bernadette) of Valley City, ND, Joey (Nancy) of Litchville, ND, Bradley (Lori) of Litchville, and Scott (Arlene) of Jamestown, ND. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, Angela (Cole) Garrison, Kelly Meiers, Lindsey Meiers, Brianna Meiers, Brandon Botner, Ryan (Amanda) Botner, Lacey Botner, Kelsey Botner, Jenna Botner, and JoAnn (Corey) Rood; and 2

great grandchildren, Arley Garrison and Olivia Rood. Byron was so proud of his children and he treasured every hug and kiss he got from his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers; and 2 sisters.

We cherish his memory and celebrate his life. He died September 23, 2010 at Mercy Hospital in Valley City.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **26.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND

## Service

SEP **27.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church (Griswold)  
5809 Co Rd 60 SE  
Litchville, ND

# Tribute Wall



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“ I just learned of Bryon's passing, and I'm so sorry. I was a classmate and good friend growing up in Gwinner. We would go ride our mini bikes on the dirt roads around the area and went to a few parties together. He always had a smile. The last time I saw him he came to my house at gwinner for a class reunion and everyone was so happy to see him. May God comfort you and your family. Sharon (Decker) Beckstrom

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sharon beckstrom - September 07, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ LYNETTE AND FAMILY, MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. I HAD ASKED COLLEEN TO CONVEY MY SYMPATHIES, BUT DECIDED TO SEND THEM AGAIN, WHEN I WAS READING THE FUNERAL HOME WEBSITE ON YOUR DAD. TAKE CARE, MARLYS##imported-begin##MARLYS DOEBLER BJERKNESS##imported-end##

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September 27, 2010 at 12:42 PM



“ May God be with all of you at this of sorrow. Bryon will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Betty & Willie##imported-end##

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September 26, 2010 at 02:41 PM



“ Dear Berniece and Family. So sorry to read of Byron's death although I know he has fought the good fight for so many years. Griswold community will always be in my "happy" childhood memories. Your brother Richard was in my class and what fun we used to have. I also remember the two weeks of Bible School (all day) in the Spring after school was out and Berniece you were my teacher. Then the picnic after the Sunday School program in Henrich's grove. I know you have a loving family and with all your friends they will be so close to you at this time of sadness. God Bless you all!  
Love, Marjorie and Milo LarsonH###imported-begin##Marjorie (Keel) Larson and Milo Larson###imported-end##

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September 26, 2010 at 12:41 PM



“ i didn't know byron very well, but i do know that he raised a strong, close, loving family with berniece .. it was always evident to me that the whole family had a lot of love & commitment to each other, and that comes from a solid foundation .. as byron moves on into eternal life, your lives will be enriched with the wonderful memories you created with him .. GOD bless you all###imported-begin##diane kourajian###imported-end##

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September 25, 2010 at 01:35 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to Berniece, Gary and Bernadette, Brandon, Angie and the entire Botner family. It is so hard to lose someone who has been a "rock" in your life. Perhaps he's out on a tractor right now, trying to get the harvest in!###imported-begin##Deb and Andy Pedersen###imported-end##

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September 25, 2010 at 02:06 AM



“ God bless Byron's life. He was a good man with a wonderful family.##imported-begin##Liz##imported-end##

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September 24, 2010 at 09:03 AM



“ Byron what a blessing you were to our Griswold community. You were a strong church member and a wonderful neighbor. Your quietness and confidence are seen in your children. You will be fondly remembered.##imported-begin##Diane Busche##imported-end##

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September 23, 2010 at 08:34 PM