



## Carlton Mennis

December 29, 1929 - January 5, 2013

Carlton Millard Mennis was born on December 29, 1929 in Litchville Township, near Kathryn, ND. He was the son of Oscar and Ida (Sand) Mennis. Carlton attended rural school and farmed with his father.

On September 11, 1951, he was drafted into the US Army. He served in Japan during the Korean Conflict until being honorably discharged, August 12, 1953. When he returned to the US, he drove gravel truck for LaMoure County while continuing to farm.

On June 2, 1957, Carlton married Phyllis Graalum at Nordheim Lutheran Church, Kathryn, ND. They made their home on the family farm, becoming the third generation to farm the homestead. In 2000, they retired and in June 2010, moved to Valley City, ND.

Carlton loved animals, especially his cattle. He enjoyed watching the young calves grow. He took great pride in his farm and being able to take care of the soil and provide for his family.

He was a life long member of North LaMoure Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed. He belonged to the Litchville VFW and a member of Farmers Union. Carlton began playing accordion as a young man and continued throughout his life. He enjoyed sharing this talent with family and friends. He was, and will be remembered for being a caring, honest man.

Carlton M. Mennis, 83, Valley City, ND died January 5, 2013 at Mercy Hospital in Valley City. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; sons, Steve (Mindy) of Jamestown, ND and Brian of Wahpeton, ND; daughters, Diane (Gary)

Sommerfeld of Valley City and Stacey (David) Klemisch of Fargo, ND; 12 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Gordon.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

JAN 9. 1:30 PM (CT)

Spring Creek Lutheran Church  
Hastings, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ *My sympathy on the loss of your dad.  
May your memories surround you and flood your soul with  
The peace and joy only your dad could deliver to each of you in his  
own way.  
That bond does not break through death, but lives on through you.  
Lovingly, Patty Flach Hartman*

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**Patricia Flach Hartman** - January 16, 2013 at 07:37 AM



“ *The name of the poem is "Country Blue"##imported-begin##Valerie  
J. Kolle##imported-end##*

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January 10, 2013 at 12:57 AM



“ Carlton

*Accordion recordings entertain all as they're sweetly greeted.  
Polkas and waltzes spin into congregational minds as they're seated.*

*Family, friends fill up the church where they're treated.*

*A wood-carved altar portraying Christ's ascension in a sky of pure blue.*

*A small, country chapel with stained-glass windows of brilliant hues.*

*A country-blue acoustic guitar strumming,*

*Songs which in my mind I still keep on humming.*

*Sons sing about an "Old Rugged Cross,"*

*Honoring their father during a service for his loss.*

*Standing next to his casket of a royalty blue,*

*It was their dad's wish to share songs olden and true.*

*In a field of blue the white stars are set,*

*Upon a triangular-tucked flag for a Korean War Vet.*

*Gilded-winged Angels border the altar on banners of blue,*

*Heralding heaven's promise anew.*

*A sunshiny, wintery January sky,*

*Tears welling up in blue eyes as they cry.*

*With four generations, a man's legacy lives on as we all say, "Good-bye!"*

*Valerie J. Kolle 1/09/13##imported-begin##Valerie J.*

*Kolle##imported-end##*

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January 09, 2013 at 09:45 PM

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*Thanks Valerie - that is so beautiful and so wonderfully describes the day that we remembered my grandpa and celebrated his life. You have a wonderful gift with words.*

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**Amy Milbrandt** - January 15, 2013 at 10:55 PM



“ Our many thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Hold close your memories and they will help carry you in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Cindy Vogel##imported-end##

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January 09, 2013 at 12:21 AM



“ I would repeat everything my niece Vickie has already said, could not have said it better. Carlton and Phyllis both have always been so glad and receptive to see us when we visited our homeland. Carlton is in His eternal Homeland now.##imported-begin##Jim and Elaine Hilscher##imported-end##

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January 08, 2013 at 06:18 PM



“ Thoughts, Prayers & Sincere Sympathy are extended to all of the Family. May God send his angels to comfort you in this difficult time! May GOD Bless the memory of Carlton, a kind, caring, friendly man!##imported-begin##Duane & Diana Larson##imported-end##

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January 08, 2013 at 03:08 PM



“ Blessed be the memory of a wonderful man! My prayers and hugs are with you at this difficult time. There is much comfort for you knowing that your loved one is safe in the hands of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!##imported-begin##Sharon Rue Spiekermeier##imported-end##

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January 08, 2013 at 12:24 PM



“ *Phyllis and family,*

*You have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Glenn and Marilyn Lahlum##imported-end##*

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January 08, 2013 at 11:52 AM



“ *Treasure all the good memories and keep them in your heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Rick and Deb (Mennis) Gillund and family##imported-begin##Rick and Deb Gillund##imported-end##*

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January 08, 2013 at 09:02 AM



“ *Our sympathy & prayers to you, the families' of Carlton Mennis. When I remember Carlton, I reflect what pride he took in keeping his yard and lawn manicured just so. And what a gift he had for music. When he took out his accordian, we were in for a treat. I so enjoyed listening to him play. Know that his pain has been erased by Jesus and be assured that salvation with the Father promises to be more glorious than our earthly residence. All our love, friends, Vickie##imported-begin##Randy & Vickie Meidinger##imported-end##*

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January 07, 2013 at 08:12 PM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the fond memories comfort you at this time of loss.##imported-begin##Randy and Colleen Lebahn##imported-end##*

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January 07, 2013 at 10:43 AM