



Charles Arthur Sortland

April 30, 1930 - August 7, 2016

Charles Arthur Sortland (age 86) of Fargo, ND (formerly Litchville, ND) passed away August 7, 2016 at Elim Rehab and Care Center, Fargo, ND.

Charles was born April 30, 1930 in Valley City, ND to Arthur and Marie (Berge) Sortland. He attended Svea Consolidated School, graduating as Valedictorian in 1948. He took agriculture classes through NDSU. Charles served in the United States Naval Reserve and was honorably discharged on January 9, 1959, serving 8 years. He was quite a prankster as a child and enjoyed putting fire crackers in cow pies and watching the results.

Charles met his future wife, Carol, at Community Lanes in Litchville. They were married July 14, 1962. They built a new home on the Sortland family farm where they continued to reside until a few years ago. Charles worked alongside his father on the farm and there wasn't anything he couldn't fix. Each summer, he took the family on a vacation to various locations across the country. He was a gifted piano player, playing entirely by ear. Being a diehard Norwegian, Charles always enjoyed family Christmas gatherings where he and several other family members enjoyed the delicacy of lutefisk. He was a member of the Soil Conservation District and served on the board of the Barnes County Farm Bureau from 1976-1982. He was also a member of Elim Evangelical Free Church, rural Litchville. Charles served as clerk for the Svea Township Board for many years, and he served on the Marion Equity Elevator Board.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Carol, of Fargo, 4 daughters: Yvonne

(Brice) Stegner of Amidon and their children Maren, Kara, Kjersten, Levi, and Eve; Karen (Curt) Erickson of Davenport and their children Alexandra and Madison; Robin (Lynn) Jensen of Claremont, SD and their children Kayla and Abigail; and Tanya (Darin) Leick of Valley City and their children Noah and Maisie.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister who passed away at birth. The funeral service for Charles will be 1 pm Monday, August 15 at Riverbend Farm Chapel, rural Valley City. Burial will be in the Elim Cemetery, rural Litchville.

Visitation will be one hour before the service at the chapel.

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to Elim Evangelical Free Church Cemetery, Elim Care or Cooperstown Bible Camp.

The family would like to express sincere gratitude to the staff of Sheyenne Crossings-Prairie Square, Elim Rehab and Care Center, and Hospice of the Red River Valley for the friendship and care provided to Charles and his family over the past years.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City.

An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Elim Cemetery

Litchville, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

Riverbend Farm Chapel
3716 117th Ave SE
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-1377

Funeral Service

AUG 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-1377

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you, Charles, for the many years of service to Svea township. You were a man who was always helpful to someone in need and yet would never ask for help. You were the only one who flat out refused to take fuel or even payment for fuel when they put together a community chisel plow day to help when my dad, Sid Peterson, had his accident. Charles refused payment for any help he gave yet always tried to pay someone for helping him when we did something for him. I am proud to have known you and want your family to know that you are remembered for the good many things you have done. God's blessings to you all. I miss both of your parents out here! My deepest sympathy and hugs to the other family of four girls in Svea!



Sheila Peterson Cuypers

Sheila Cuypers - August 14, 2016 at 10:04 PM



Thank you Shelia! I know Dad always enjoyed his time on the township board. Thank you for your kind words!!

Robin Jensen - August 16, 2016 at 10:01 AM

VS

As a former township officer (treasurer), I know he felt good turning the job over to you! Thank You for your your kind words, Sheila!

Vonnie (Sortland) Stegner - August 20, 2016 at 11:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Arthur Sortland.*



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Rich Tiedeman - August 12, 2016 at 04:35 PM



“ *I love this picture of Charles, excellent choice. What a wonderful man, father, husband, friend and cousin. He was a wonderful nephew of my mom, Esther Berge Tiedeman. She and my dad enjoyed meeting and staying with them on the farm in North Dakota. They especially enjoyed getting to know Charles's daughters, sneaking them some Goldfish crackers (and I would bet Esther's cookies) when they came out to the camper or later their RV. Charles was always so welcoming and a smile on his face. I will miss him until we gather again in heaven for our Berge, Sortland reunion.*

Rich Tiedeman - August 12, 2016 at 01:18 PM



Chicken in a Biscuit crackers...always a staple in your parents camper. To this day, I can not see them on the store shelf and not think of them :) Robin

Robin Jensen - August 12, 2016 at 04:01 PM

VS

Such a great memory, Robin! How we looked forward to them coming to visit! Vonnie

Vonnie (Sortland) Stegner - August 20, 2016 at 11:48 PM

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“ *Condolences to the family. Carol was my 4th(if memory serves me right) grade teacher.*

Vicky Justesen Hlubek

Vicky Justesen Hlubek - August 11, 2016 at 04:35 PM

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“ *THE GEORGE BERGE FAMILY purchased the E nchanted Cottage for the family of Charles Arthur Sortland.*



THE GEORGE BERGE FAMILY - August 11, 2016 at 02:45 PM