



## Darrel Lettenmaier

October 1, 1933 - May 23, 2012

Darrel L. Lettenmaier was born on October 1, 1933 in Valley City, ND, the son of Theodore and Clara (Johnson) Lettenmaier. He grew up in Heman Township, south of Sanborn. He attended rural school and was a 1951 graduate of Sanborn High School. Darrel began farming with his mother after his father passed away and continued after his schooling.

On September 14, 1957, he married Carol Lettenmaier in Sanborn. They made their home near Sanborn and moved into town in 1964. He continued farming until 1974. At that time, he began working full time at Ellison Enterprises. Darrel went on to work at Cenex in Valley City, ND for almost 20 years. He also worked at Mr. Spindle and drove truck for Blatner with the Ashtabula Wind Farm. He retired in 2010.

He was on the Sanborn Fire Department for 48 years, serving as chief for 10. Darrel was instrumental in starting the annual 4th of July Demolition Derby in Sanborn. He served on the city council and was mayor for 4 years. He was deputized by the Barnes County Sheriff's Department, was a jailor, and did security at the ND WinterShow for 20 years. Darrel was on the Fairview Cemetery Board for a number of years, and served as president for most of those years. He was a longtime member of the Eagles and a lifetime member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Sanborn, where he served on the council. Darrel died May 23, 2012 at Sanford Palliative Care in Fargo, ND. He is survived by his wife, Carol and son Terry both of Valley City; daughters, Debbra Lettenmaier of Fargo, ND, Patricia (Alex Pivovarov) Pitts of

Minneapolis, MN, and Shelly (Kent) Kosse of Valley City; grandchildren, Tyler (Jenn Larson) Kosse, Joshua (Jess Blaser) Pitts, and Alisa (Brandon) Kosse Rakoczy; great grandchildren, Ava, Avery, Arianna, and Addison; a brother, Calvin (Ila) Lettenmaier of Sanborn; a sister, Becky (Everett) Aarestad of Superior, MT; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Glee Luther.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

MAY **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
138 3rd St. NW  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ Boy that relaly helps me the heck out.##imported-begin##Philly##imported-end##

July 25, 2012 at 02:47 AM



“ may he rest in peace. been many years##imported-begin##carol(Roy)artis##imported-end##

June 01, 2012 at 12:35 PM



“ Sorry to hear about your dad passing away Deb. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Remember all of the great memories you had with your dad.  
from a former coworker at Litchville-Marion Elementary School  
Kay and Bob Willson##imported-begin##Kay Willson##imported-end##

May 26, 2012 at 10:44 AM



“ Carol and family  
So sorry to hear of Darrel's passing. Our symathy goes out to you  
Jenny and Morgan##imported-begin##Jenny Hoffart  
Heimark##imported-end##

May 25, 2012 at 10:57 PM



“ Darrel was one of those people who made Sanborn Sanborn. He was always there, always working, always friendly. The old hometown isn't the same without him. My condolences to Carol and the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Bob Jansen##imported-end##

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May 25, 2012 at 04:22 PM



“ Dear Carol and Family, I am so srry to hear of Darrels' passing. I have so many fond memories of working with him and the gang on pool instalations and other different projects. He put up with alot from us but was always there with a smile and a joke. He knew how to make work fun! May you find peace in your memories of your wonderful Husband and Dad. Your in my thoughts and Prayers. Tom Didier North Platte NE.##imported-begin##Tom Didier##imported-end##

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May 25, 2012 at 11:20 AM



“ Carol and family: We are all sad to hear about Darrel, as kids growing up in Sanborn know, Darrel always had time to talk and laugh and share a good story. A man that can take time for kids, be a great friend to the city and support and care for his family is a man we all will surely miss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

The Kronebusch Family##imported-begin##Paul Kronebusch##imported-end##

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May 25, 2012 at 09:40 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family

Terry and Pam Swenson##imported-begin##Pam Swenson##imported-end##

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May 25, 2012 at 09:14 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Darrells passing. My deepest sympathy to you all.##imported-begin##Kathie Anderson##imported-end##

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May 24, 2012 at 10:32 PM



“ Lettenmaier family, I was saddened to hear of Darrel's passing. He will truly be missed, but his spirit and memory will live on in the hearts of many. May you feel the strength from others and the loving arms of the Lord wrap around you and help comfort you at this time.##imported-begin##Cindy Vogel##imported-end##

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May 24, 2012 at 06:12 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Darrel. I so enjoyed our visits we had. May you know that you are all in our thoughts & prayers. Gods Blessings,  
Bonnie Howe##imported-begin##Bonnie Howe##imported-end##

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May 24, 2012 at 05:22 PM



“ bonzo shelly trish and deb sorry for your loss a father can never be replaced hope u all find comfort. and hold on the memories.they live for ever jeanette##imported-begin##jeanette swesey (jacobson)##imported-end##

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May 24, 2012 at 02:45 PM



“ It was always good to see you and kick around old times whenever we made it back to North Dakota. Rest in peace.##imported-begin##warren loendorf##imported-end##

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May 24, 2012 at 01:24 PM



“ I have lost a good friend and mentor today. God bless Darrel, his quirky smile and sense of humor. I will really, and I mean really miss him.##imported-begin##Liz Fick##imported-end##

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May 23, 2012 at 06:56 PM