



Donald Gilbertson

November 24, 1924 - February 26, 2010

Donald Norral Gilbertson was born November 24, 1924 at Eastedge, ND, the son of Alfred and Luella (Johnson) Gilbertson. He was baptized and confirmed at the Waldheim Lutheran Church, rural Kathryn, ND. He was a lifelong member of the Waldheim Church. Donald attended school at Eastedge.

In early 1944, he was drafted into the Marine Corps, he served in the invasion of Saipan and Okinawa, and he was also stationed in Japan. After his discharge in 1946, he and his brother, Mylo, had a gas station in Nome, ND. He married Mayvis Person in March 1950, they sold the station. Donny and Mayvis then moved to Port Orchard, WA where he worked in the Navy Yard, they also lived in Entiat, WA, where he worked as a carpenter. When they moved back to ND he continued carpentry and eventually went into business for himself. Donny then farmed at rural Kathryn for about 25 years, but returned to carpentry, which he continued until his death.

He was a member of the Kathryn School Board. Donny was a lifetime member of the VFW and also a member of the Nome American Legion.

Donny is survived by his wife, Mayvis; three sons, Terry (Claudia) of Valley City, Steven of Minneapolis, MN and Jeff of Valley City; three grandchildren, Christine, Josh, and Sara all of Valley City; two sisters, Audrey Smith and Ruth Nelson of Kathryn; four brothers, Gordon (Audrey), Mylo (Dawn), Dennis (Carol), and Harold (Marjie) all of Jamestown, ND; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Norman and

Wesley.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAR 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

Waldheim Lutheran Church
5100 119 AVE SE
Kathryn, ND

Tribute Wall



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Marsha (Ward) Magee##imported-end##

March 03, 2010 at 12:15 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you all and remembering you in my prayers in the days ahead. Don will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.##imported-begin##Arlene Johnson##imported-end##

March 01, 2010 at 06:34 PM



“ I will miss Don's sense of humor and warm hugs. He was strong and hard working and a wonderful father-in-law. I wish Mayvis and the family peace and hope they find comfort in their memories. I know I will.##imported-begin##Nancy (Paulson) Porzio##imported-end##

March 01, 2010 at 03:23 PM



“ A Message of Sympathy; May it help at this time of sadness, to know others care.##imported-begin##Milton and Yvonne Sauer##imported-end##

March 01, 2010 at 11:02 AM



“ My sincere sympathy to you all.##imported-begin##Nancy Sather##imported-end##

March 01, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ Our sympathy to your family##imported-begin##Wayne, Sue & Tanner Cherney##imported-end##

February 28, 2010 at 04:11 PM



“ We have many good memories of Don. Through the years he did a lot of carpentry for us and was so conscientious. He had a talent and it showed in his work. He will be missed. We send our condolences to all the family.....##imported-begin##Charlie and Carol Olson##imported-end##

February 28, 2010 at 01:48 PM



“ I always enjoyed chatting with Don quite often at the Hilltop around breakfast time, a great guy and I shall miss him when I visit Valley City. My sympathy to the family.##imported-begin##Jerry Bouck, Grants Pass, Oregon##imported-end##

February 27, 2010 at 07:43 AM