



Donald Fred Pollert

May 24, 1934 - February 14, 2024

The funeral service for Donald Pollert, 89, Fargo, North Dakota formerly of Litchville, North Dakota will be 11 am Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Litchville. Visitation will be 5-7 pm Monday, at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City with a prayer service at 7pm. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Donald passed away February 14, at Eventide, Fargo.

Donald's service will be viewable via livestream at <https://vimeo.com/event/4096541>

Donald Fred Pollert was born May 24, 1934, to Albert "Bud" and Edna (Simonsen) Pollert on the family farm near Douglas, North Dakota. He was the third of seven children.

He moved to the Griswold community, six miles south of Litchville, North Dakota, with his family when he was four years old.

Donald attended grade school at Prairie Township #1, a one-room country school 80 rods east of his childhood home. He would either walk or ride his bike to school each day, graduating from the eighth grade. As a youth, Donald was a 4-H member and later became a leader of the North LaMoure Go-Getters 4-H Club.

Donald was bound to the land from the day of his birth and never strayed too far from home. As an elementary lad, he could be seen dragging a field that his dad had seeded earlier in the day. Donald became his dad's "left-hand man" at the age of seven after Bud lost his arm in a corn shredder accident. The duo continued to farm together until the late 1950's.

On June 1, 1957, Donald was united in marriage to Georgine Klever. They lived south of Litchville where they farmed growing small grains, corn, soybeans and raising Hereford cattle. Together they raised their family of three daughters and one son.

Donald developed a skill of building homes when working with local carpenter Charley TenClay back in the late 1960s, early 1970s. He was part of a construction crew who built homes during the winter months. He used his knowledge to design and helped build the home he lived in on the Pollerosa until October 2022 when he became a resident of Eventide Senior Living Communities, Fargo ND.

Many winter months were also spent driving the southeast school bus route (Griswold) for the Litchville and Litchville-Marion school districts. Donald cherished the moments when he drove the bus for his son's basketball games from fourth grade through the 1991 state tournament. His bus driving responsibilities expanded beyond the school. At times he drove tour groups that his wife Georgine had coordinated to their destination. He also drove the Bismarck State Mystics basketball team, which his son was a team member, to the national tournament in Michigan.

To supplement his farming income, Donald sold grain seed for Cargill and Mycogen for 35-plus years. He earned several top salesman awards, earning trips to national conventions. Beginning in the 1960's, he and his dad began to

custom combine for area farmers. Donald continued to offer his services each harvest season for the next six decades reaping small grains, corn and soybeans first with his Oliver-White and later with his Massey rotary combines.

Donald was a member and director of the Old Time Tractor Pull Association. He loved going to pulls with his Oliver 66 row crop tractor that he restored. His office walls were decorated with numerous shelves displaying all of the awards he won at contests. Besides his family, Donald's pride and joy was his restoration of a 1944 Oliver 80 Standard. His father purchased this tractor new and Donald helped log many hours across hundreds of acres of land. The family eventually sold the tractor to a neighbor and decades later it was found parked in a grove of trees. Several trees had to be cut down in order to get it out. It took Donald a couple of years to complete the restoration process. Once completed, Donald could be seen with a big smile and waving to onlookers when driving in community parades and at antique plowing gatherings.

His favorite vacations were the times spent fishing in Canada with his brother Clayton, elk hunting in Montana and Colorado with his brother Ken, pheasant and deer hunting with his son Daniel, neighbors, and other relatives.

Donald was a lifetime member and officer of the Litchville Wildlife Club, raising pheasants for the club for many years. He was member and director of the Future Pheasants Inc. Marion, a lifetime member of the North American hunting club. He also served several terms on the Prairie Township Board.

He retired from farming in 2001, but that did not mean he would no longer be "outstanding in his field." Donald thoroughly enjoyed his part-time employment at Plains Grain and Agronomy, Marion plant driving the fertilizer and water

truck.

Donald showed his love for the Lord in many ways. He was an active, lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church serving as council president, deacon, trustee, and cemetery sexton.

Those left to cherish his memory are his four children, Pam (Dean) Aakre, Barnesville, MN, Janelle (Blake) Evert, Madison, WI, Kimberly (Jason) Coffel, Fountain Hills, AZ and Daniel, Bismarck, ND; seven grandchildren, Nicholas (Abby) Aakre, Washington, D.C., Kelsey (Cory) Buchholz, Garretson, SD, Elizabeth Aakre, Sioux Falls, SD, Charles Aakre, Barnesville, MN, Benjamin Evert, Madison, WI, Jonathan Evert, Fridley, MN and Megan Coffel, Louisville, KY; five great-grandchildren, Ezekiel Aakre, Colton, Caylix, Coyer and Kenley Buchholz; two brothers, Clayton (Virginia) Pollert, Onalaska, WI and Ken (Pat) Pollert, West Fargo, ND; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Georgine, in April 2015; his parents; one brother, Mural Pollert and three sisters, Leona Severson, Lila Lebahn, Phyllis Smedshammer.

Memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery Fund.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Litchville, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Prayer Service

FEB 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

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251 Central Ave. S.
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Visitation

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

RO

“ Hugs to our former neighbors. We are sorry for your loss of your Dad. He was a very sweet guy. I am sure the reuniting with your mom was a great one.

Darren and Robin Miedema

Robin - February 20, 2024 at 10:34 AM

TN

“ I had the honor of taking care of Don. I will never forget our morning conversations, cups of coffee, and stories. I was blessed to not only know him but also his family who became like family to all of us. He was one amazing man with a lot of accomplishments and was proud to be able to share those with us. I will always remember the day he said “I don’t think I am going to be able to go back to the farm, do you think it’s okay if I stay here with you now?” We all replied “of course we would love to have you here with us.” Thank you Don for making me laugh and love what I do.

Tammy N - February 19, 2024 at 11:03 PM

MC

“ Marc & Cher Cole purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Fred Pollert.



Marc & Cher Cole - February 19, 2024 at 03:03 PM

FG

“ From the gamers. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Fred Pollert.



From the gamers. - February 19, 2024 at 08:37 AM

FG

“ From the gamers. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Fred Pollert.

From the gamers. - February 19, 2024 at 08:37 AM

PB

“ Paul B. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donald Fred Pollert.



Paul B. - February 19, 2024 at 12:54 AM

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“ Paul B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Fred Pollert.

Paul B. - February 19, 2024 at 12:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Fred Pollert.*



February 18, 2024 at 07:13 PM

“ First of all Hello and greetings to Donnie & Georgine’s 4 kids and their families and second to all of my wonderful ND Klever cousins. My sympathies to the family for this loss of their Dad. A Dad who loved them, loved their mother dearly and loved the land he grew up on and his Pollerosa. Am so glad to hear from Pam that you’re able to gather there at this difficult but special time and so glad that it will pass along to a ND farm neighbor!! Having grown up a MN Klever cousin and on a farm I too still have a close affiliation to the land, farming - with all of its challenges and joys, and close to the farm I grew up on and those who’ve taken such great care of it since I left there almost 50 yrs ago.

I was privileged to experience Donnie & Georgine’s friendship, hospitality and love and the big Donnie smile and laugh (reminded me of my own father) throughout the years and was so glad that I took the time to stop by last October for a swing thru beautiful ND to see my Klever cousins - and the first one was Donald - because of course I was coming from that great gopher state called Minny sooota!!!!!! Though laying flat on his back that beautiful smile of Donald was still present and that gravelly voice sounded the same as well and we went thru one or two of my Klever family history albums that I’ve put together. I will always cherish that time with him, cousins Pam and Ruby. I then travelled west to see the rest of my wonderful Klever cousin family and cherished that as well.

I apologize for not being able to be there in valley city and at Trinity where I was when dear Georgine died in 2015 but wanted to send this tribute and memories to my cousins and their families - because no matter distance or other differences - we are that - family, and we know that love that God has given us is one of life’s most important ingredients!! We now know that our beloved Donnie is up in heaven with his cowboy hat on driving that old Oliver that he grew up, driving that big ole modern combine that he didn’t grow up on, and driving that school bus - loving every kid who got on board. I love you dear Donald and u are loved by so many family and friends - let the tears flow for they are not necessarily tears of sorrow but indeed

tears of love and of the many good memories that we will all cherish. Our angel in a ND hat cowboy - what's better than that!, we love the Lord who created you Donnie and we love you!!
Klever cousin Paul Benz
From Everett Washington

paul benz - February 18, 2024 at 03:49 PM

FF

“ *From the Coffel and Thom Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Fred Pollert.*



From the Coffel and Thom Families - February 16, 2024 at 09:16 PM