



## Donald Thoreson

April 22, 1924 - September 21, 2011

Donald Eugene Thoreson was born the son of George and Agnes (Beck) Thoreson on April 22, 1924 in rural Barnes County, near Kathryn, ND. He attended Daily School. As a young man, he began farming with his father and brother, Maurice. He developed a lifetime love of all aspects of farming. On July 29, 1945, he married Dorothy Loraine Reberg at the parsonage in Ft. Ransom, ND. They made their home near Nome, ND where they farmed. They raised crops and various livestock throughout the years. Donald was the first in the area to grow sunflowers and was an early adopter of fertilizer. He did custom corn chopping and ran Thoreson trucking for a few years. He retired in 1993, but continued to take daily drives to check crops and was still a permanent fixture at the farm. They moved to Valley City, ND in 2008. Dorothy died on April 29 of that year.

He was a member of Waldheim Lutheran Church, Kathryn. He was a 4H Leader of the Eastedge Go-Getters. Donald was a self taught harmonica player. Visitors were always welcomed at the Thoreson home; he and Dorothy shared many meals and countless cups of coffee.

Donald died at the Sheyenne Care Center on September 21, 2011. He is survived by his sons, Dale (Linda) of Allison, IA, Chuck (Debbie) of Ft. Ransom, Ron (Jan) of Fingal, ND, Dave (Cindy) of Nome, Marlin (Laura) of Grand Forks, ND, and Jeff (Cindy) of Fingal; daughters, Marge Henry of Eagle-Vail, CO, Marlene (Jeff) Dreier of Elbow Lake, MN, and Julie (Allen) Anderson of Crookston, MN; a daughter-in-law, Judy (Steve) Dick of Lisbon,

ND; 24 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren (and one more on the way); a sister, Phyllis (Edmund) Storhoff, Nome; a sister-in-law, Verna Thoreson of Valley City; a brother-in-law, Al Trader of Valley City; and several nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Service

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Waldheim Lutheran Church  
5100 119 AVE SE  
Kathryn, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ To Judy and all of Donald's family, my sincere heartfelt sympathy to each of you at this time. I, as well as many others, got to share in some excellent conversation with both Donald and Dorothy over a hot cup of coffee at the farm table, while watching the birds at the birdfeeder. What wonderful memories! He will be missed, may both he and Dorothy rest in peace together at last. Keeping you in thought and prayers.##imported-begin##Vicky Huschka##imported-end##

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September 28, 2011 at 07:33 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Thoreson family. Len and I have such wonderful memories playing at the farm with Jeff and Marlin as kids and we were always welcomed as if we were family by Don & Dorothy and their kids. Absolutely wonderful people and couldn't ask for kinder friends! We wish you comfort in knowing that your mom and dad have been reunited in heaven once again. Love and regards, Tina & Len Olson##imported-begin##Leonard & Tina Olson##imported-end##

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September 27, 2011 at 04:51 PM



“ My sincere sympathy to the family. Donald was such a wonderful person. I will miss his smile and friendly greetings. It was always so fun to talk to him. I have known & been friends with all of you for so long that you feel more like family than just good friends. May GOD Bless each of you & Donald's memory!##imported-begin##Duane Larson##imported-end##

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September 27, 2011 at 10:30 AM



“ Sorry to hear about your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jim Cunningham and Melanie Nygord##imported-end##

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September 26, 2011 at 11:15 PM



“ My deepest sympathy - I really enjoyed taking care of Don. I will really miss him.##imported-begin##Mary Jane Huber, LPN##imported-end##

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September 26, 2011 at 08:59 AM



“ I LOVE YOU ALL.....So-o-o-o-o Much!! and I wish I was there with you.. Donald, my godfather and uncle, was very dear to me!! I loved so much being at the farm... having cookies and "coffee" with your mom and dad.... helping make the butter for Dorothy...and "watching" Donald and the boys with the chores!! Awesome Memories..... You were blessed to have Donald as your "Dad"..... Wendell and I visited him for quite awhile our last visit home.... his voice was so clear and audible and he was remembering as I was when we were youngsters.... GOSH, I want to be there to hug each of you !!! Our prayers are with all of you today.... When I went to this website..there was a song playing.... **\*\*"I'm COMING HOME"..... beautiful.... and this is where your mom and dad are now... AT HOME.... and I smile in anticipation of that day!!!!!!!!!!!! LUV U all so much xoxoxoxoxoxoxox##imported-begin##Judy (Trader) Horne and Wendell Horne##imported-end##**

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September 26, 2011 at 06:31 AM



“ I don't imagine you will recognize my name;  
I knew your parents when I worked at Moorhead Chiropractic Clinic  
and had many a fine visit with them over the years.  
I always respected and liked Don; he was kind and genuine in his  
own special way.  
God bless you all at this time.  
Sincerely,  
Marilynn###imported-begin###Marilynn Campbell###imported-end##

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September 24, 2011 at 10:57 PM



“ Dear family of Donald Thoreson,  
My sympathy and prayers go out to all of you. I  
went to Lindvold School with Leroy, Dale, and the  
oldest daughter. I remember Donald's sense of  
humor. Donald and my father, Herbert Nelson,  
were in a play "All Carrs To The Rescue" presented  
to the PTA. He had many talents. What kind, loving parents you  
children had!  
May God Bless all of his family.  
Dorothy Nelson Evers###imported-begin###Dorothy (Nelson)  
Evers###imported-end##

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September 23, 2011 at 11:53 PM



“ My heart felt sympathy to all of donalds family. I will miss his smile,  
and soft spoken voice. Dorothy and Donald always had a cup of  
coffee and something sweet when ever I would visit them at the  
farm or in valley city. Many good memories. Now Donald can be  
with Dorothy in heavn. God Bless Diane Fritchie###imported-  
begin###diane fritchie###imported-end##

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September 23, 2011 at 10:51 PM



“ Donald always had a good word, and a hug for me. I loved spending time out on the farm as a kid. Your family was blessed with two wonderful parents that always seemed to have time to spend with anyone that stopped in. I'm hoping that your dad, your mom, my mom, Maurice and Carl are having a cup of coffee and laughing with our grandparents. We have all been blessed by all of their lives. Love you all Cindy Siegel###imported-begin##Cindy Siegel###imported-end##

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September 23, 2011 at 06:15 PM



“ Our prayers & sympathy go to all of Donalds family. As I was growing up 3 miles to the north, my family & I would see Donald & the family busy on the farm--milking, seeding & combining--but always had time to visit with neighbors. He will be missed.###imported-begin##Renee Aarseth###imported-end##

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September 23, 2011 at 01:07 AM