



Earl Lester Speicher

May 13, 1919 - May 9, 2012

Earl Lester Speicher was born May 13, 1919 in Riverside Hospital to William and Pauline (Triebold) Speicher, at Valley City, North Dakota. Lester was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Valley City. He grew up in Alta Township, attending Alta rural school, and College High School, graduating in 1937. After graduation, Lester worked briefly for Farmers Union Oil Company. He returned to the family farm and ran a small grains and dairy farm until he retired.

In 1946, Lester was united in marriage to Opal Dotson at Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City. They lived on the family farm, farming together, until Opal passed away in 1996, at which time he moved to Valley City.

Lester was involved in many activities over the years. He was a School board member for Alta, a one-room school, as well as the Oriska Public School. He served on the Alta Township Board in many capacities for 40 years. He was a board member of the Barnes County Farmer's Union and Barnes County Co-operative Creamery. Lester also was a board member and past president of the Barnes County Historical Society and Barnes County Seniors Council. He was a past member of the Trinity Lutheran Church Council and a long time member of the Dakota Antique and Collectors Club.

Lester's hobbies were gardening, stained glass, and antiques. Later years he

spent many hours on his computer, surfing the web and sending e-mail, as well as skyping with his friends and family. He enjoyed working with digital photography and sharing photos with friends.

Earl Lester Speicher, 92, died May 9, 2012, in Villa Maria Care Center in Fargo. He is survived by one son, Paul (Cathy), West Fargo, two daughters, Lynel (John) Schleicher, Crookston, MN, June (Steven) Aabye, Fargo, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 50 years, Opal, and one grandson.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

MAY 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
499 - 4th Ave. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ Lester and his friend Neva were great friends of my parents Lawrence and Doris Potter. Every time I came home, and would go to Trinity Church, Lester would be there. He and Dad enjoyed many a card game together at the senior center. Fond memories always, my brother Tom came to know them both real well in the past twent or so years having breakfast with them mostly. He sends his condolences as well.
Peace and prayers always,
Kathryn Potter Bunch San Diego CA###imported-begin###Kathryn Potter Bunch###imported-end##

May 24, 2012 at 02:10 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Lesters passing. He is in a better place for sure. The few times we visited him over the years were always memorable. He was so proud at his 90th birthday party in Valley City. And when we stopped to see him last summer, he always made you feel welcome. God bless his memory.###imported-begin###Karen and Brad Grant###imported-end##

May 13, 2012 at 08:48 PM



“ June, Paul & Lynel,
I am so sorry on the loss of your Dad, Lester. He was a great conversationalist & a Special Friend to me. I am going to miss him dearly. Bonnie Howe###imported-begin###Bonnie Howe###imported-end##

May 13, 2012 at 05:48 PM



“ Lester was a good neighbor at Centruy Condo. We enjoyed getting to know him Our sympathy to the family.

Leona and Allan Gerber##imported-begin##Leona and Allan Gerber##imported-end##

May 12, 2012 at 01:02 PM



“ Our condolences to the family of our good frend, Lester.##imported-begin##Joe & Dolores Harper##imported-end##

May 10, 2012 at 11:15 PM



“ The name, "Speicher" brings many memories to surface. A friend to my Uncle George Davis, picking corn (be sure you stuff all you can get in, into your bag") with my Sons.

My sympathy goes out to all three kids, as well as grands, and greats.

Wish I could be with you, at this time.##imported-begin##Ardis Martin##imported-end##

May 10, 2012 at 07:06 PM



“ Paul, Lynel and June,
I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful Dad. We only met one time as my husband and I traveled through Valley City but have been in contact over the years via email and facebook. We will miss our on-line friend. After reading his obituary I can see what a wonderful civic minded, good person he was. I have found that when you lose a parent they are never really gone, they will be with you always. Our prayers and sympathy are sent to you.
Judy and Stan Pratt##imported-begin##Judy Ford Pratt##imported-end##

May 10, 2012 at 01:23 PM



“ Will miss my second dad.##imported-begin##Corene Geffre##imported-end##

May 10, 2012 at 11:49 AM



“ Sorry to hear of the passing of your father...he was a great man##imported-begin##Jim Lochow##imported-end##

May 10, 2012 at 10:46 AM