



Gordon Nelsen

August 4, 1921 - June 9, 2011

Gordon Elmer Nelsen was born on August 4, 1921 in Luverne, ND, the son of Anton and Fredrika (Base) Nelsen. He attended 1st and 2nd grade in Luverne and the Baldwin School through 5th grade. 6th through 8th grades were spent at Ladbury School, and he graduated from Dazey High School in 1939. Following high school, he attended NDSU and took blacksmith and machinist training. Gordon then went to California and worked for Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank. He joined the United States Navy.

On November 15, 1944, he married Emma Monson in Riverside, CA. Following his discharge on November 4, 1945, they made their home in Valley City, ND. He worked at the Harold Davidson Machine Shop there. Gordon, along with 2 other gentlemen, started Dakota Machine Shop, which became part of Tri-WG. He retired in 1980. During their retirement years, he and Emma spent many winters living in Florida. They moved to Holly Springs, NC in 2007 and then to Inver Grove Heights, MN. Emma died on January 26, 2011.

He was a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church. He belonged to the American Legion and enjoyed fishing, gardening, and bowling.

Gordon died at his home in Inver Grove Heights on June 9, 2011. He is survived by 4 daughters, Brenda (James) Bernau of Holly Springs, NC, Patricia (Bill) Seleyo of Twin Falls, ID, Karen (Greg) Stephan of Inver Grove Heights, MN and Ellen (Lee) Feldmann of Minot, ND; 7 grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren. A brother, Ernest (Marion) Nelsen of Valley City, ND and sister, Della (Ernest) Johnson of Mesa, AZ also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **13**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Your parents were so nice. I am so glad that they were still in the house when I was working on my Grandmothers house next door to them in 2005 it was so nice to see them. Emmas brother stayed in my Grandma Burds house for a couple days. Your mother gave me an Afghan that my grandmother had made for her. They were really neighbors. My heart and prayers are with you. I just happened to look at the Times Record today and saw that your father had died. Your parents were so nice.##imported-begin##Jim Johnson##imported-end##

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“ Both Gordon and Emma were such wonderful neighbors. I remember playing over at their house and feeling just like one of their own kids. Since the passing of my folks,Dick and Deloris,my husband and i have moved back into the "old neighborhood" and it has brought back so many wonderful memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you today and always.##imported-begin##Bonnie(Gibson)Olson##imported-end##

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“ Brenda and Jim and Family, We were so sorry to hear of Gordon's passing. He and Emma meant a lot to us and we will miss them. We'll be praying for you. Love, Linda and Wayne##imported-begin##Linda and Wayne Lamberth##imported-end##

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