



Otto Nathan

January 17, 1922 - October 5, 2016

Otto Nathan was born on January 17, 1922 in Emmons County, North Dakota, the son of Andreas and Philipena (Pfaff) Nathan. He attended country school there and he later moved to Barnes County where he attended Grand Prairie and Minnie Lake Schools. He married Sylvia Iris Slater on May 11, 1942 in Finley, North Dakota. On June 9, 1942, he joined the United States Navy and served until October 23, 1945. He served on a destroyer, the USS Doran the entire time. Upon his return Sylvia and Otto farmed in the community of Pillsbury, North Dakota until 1971 when they moved to the Hope, North Dakota community where they farmed until retiring in 1986.

He was a former member of Minnie Lake Church and Hope Redeemer Lutheran Church where he had served on both councils. Upon making their home in Valley City in 1986, they became members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He was a life member of both the VFW and American Legion.

The Lord always came first in Otto's life, then his family, who were so special to him! Otto loved to read, dance and farm.

Otto and Sylvia raised two sons, Dennis (JoAnn), Valley City and Gary (Shari), Hayward, Wisconsin. Including his sons he survived by his wife Sylvia, of almost 75 years, five grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and 10 great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, nine sisters and four brothers. Otto died at the age of 94, on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at Mercy Hospital, Valley City.

The funeral service will be 10:30 am, Monday, October, 10 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be 4 – 6 pm Sunday at the church with a prayer service at 6 pm. Visitation will continue Monday one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be in Memory Gardens, Valley City. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sylvia and family,
Sorry for your loss. Will be praying for you and your family. I have fond memories of Otto and you over the years. I don't know if I can remember when you lived close to our farm, but I do remember hearing stories from my dad and grandpa. I enjoyed Otto's laugh and love for life. And I enjoyed visiting with Otto and you over the years at various community events, Karges family events (milestone birthdays, anniversaries), and at your place when we stopped by to sing Christmas carols a few years ago.*

Praying for peace and comfort at this time.

Joy Karges

Joy Karges - October 10, 2016 at 01:56 PM



“ *Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Otto Nathan.*



October 07, 2016 at 03:15 PM

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“ When I was a child, I spent several summers with Otto & Sylvia and Dennis. They were my own family too. When I was eight years old, I was in love with my Uncle Otto. I asked Aunt Sylvia if I could marry Otto if she died. Of course, she said "Do you want me to die?" Which, of course, I didn't. So I settled on being his niece.

Those days on the farm have been with me all my life. Otto was so strong and stable and fun. In times of difficulty, I knew I could always go home to them and be safe. I will miss him with all my heart. Love, Iva

Iva Lemaster - October 07, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Otto Nathan.



October 07, 2016 at 11:49 AM

PH

“ To Sylvia and family,
Diane and I lift you up in our prayers in these days of your loss. We so cherish our memories of your family and the examples of faith and love that you shared so readily with all around you. Thank you for those great and timeless gifts. Your easy sharing of these gifts always strengthened and encouraged me in my own faith life as I served as your pastor.
Even as we mourn Otto's passing, at the same time we celebrate Christ's heavenly promise that he has now claimed. What a reunion there will be when we meet again in glory!
May God's peace be with you.

Paul and Diane Huso

Paul B. Huso - October 07, 2016 at 09:47 AM

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“ Doug & Marcia; Jason & Sheila; Jennifer, Ed & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Otto Nathan.



Doug & Marcia; Jason & Sheila; Jennifer, Ed & family - October 07, 2016 at 08:48 AM

PN

“ I will miss Otto's smile and sly sense of humor. He lived his life well and long.
God Bless.
Pat Nielson

Pat Nielson - October 07, 2016 at 08:22 AM

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“ To the family of Otto,
Our thoughts and hugs and prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of this special part of your family. Otto was one of those special people that comes along in your life "once In a blue moon." He was such a wonderful example of a man who cherished his wife each and every day and was not afraid to let everyone know it. We, as nephew and niece in law will not mourn the time we cannot have with him, but cherish the time we were able to share with him as recently as last month. He has left his mark on all of us, and we have a lot to live up to in order to be as special as Otto was to us. Take care everyone and Sylvia you hold Otto close to your heart as he is only one memory away.



Love, Larry & Karen Slater, Moose Lake, Minnesota

Karen Slater - October 06, 2016 at 07:40 PM