



## Chalmer Ward

May 16, 1920 - September 29, 2010

Funeral services for Chalmer Dee Ward of Bertha were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 4, 2010 at the New Life Church of God in Bertha with Pastor Mark Brown presiding. Chalmer passed away at the age of 90 years on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa. Chalmer was born on May 16, 1920 to W. Dee and Florence (Larson) Ward at Clarissa. He married Betty Wieland on November 25, 1942 and to this union his five children were born. Betty passed away after over 40 years of marriage on July 19, 1983 and on June 1, 1984, he married Theresa (Dolence) Sobota. Theresa passed away on September 21, 2000 after more than 16 years of marriage and on March 17, 2001 he married Clara (Elzig) Buthman. Chalmer spent his entire life in the Bertha area. He operated a farm in Bertha Township, moved into Bertha in 2002 and moved to the care center in Clarissa in 2008 due to failing health. He was a member of the Bertha Co-op Creamery Board, Church of God Board, Mid-America National Cooperative Board and the Dairy Farmers of America. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, gardening, traveling and family gatherings. Chalmer was preceded in death by his first wife Betty and second wife Theresa; his parents; and sister Vera Kassube. He is survived by his wife Clara; sons Ron (Linda), William (Mary) and Jerry (Patty) all of Bertha; daughters Judy (John) Pokorney of Bertha and Pat (Jon) Linnell of Warren; 18 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; brother Dwight (Mary) of Bertha; sisters Viola Harty of Brooklyn Center, Irene (Paul) Sahli of Brainerd and Shirley (Rich) Uselman of Hewitt; and his step-

children and their families. Honorary pallbearers were Chalmers grandchildren and great grandchildren. Pallbearers were Scott Ward, Brad Ward, Greg Ward, Patrick Pokorney, Jeff Pokorney, Billy Ward, Jason Linnell, Jeremy Linnell, Matt Voeltz and Michael Voeltz. Interment was in the Zion Cemetery located at Bertha Township.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ron and Linda and ALL the rest. How sad I am to hear of Chalmer's passing. We go a long way back, first as neighbors and later as very good friends. Jerry so appreciated his involvement on the creamery board of directors and also as a bowling friend. We last visited at a wedding dinner dance at Horseshoe Lake for one of Jerry's nieces. Once again it is sad that we allowed time to pass and not stay connected. May your family find peace and be surrounded by loving, caring friends. It is one of the real benefits of "small town" life. With Love, LaVonne

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**LaVonne Drayna** - September 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I thought a lot of Chelmer. May God give you peace that he is now with our Lord. God bless all of you. Jani

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**Jani Heins** - September 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Clara, you have our deepest sympathy in this very hard time.....May God bless you. The Olsons, Paul, Sharyl Josh and Cody Olson

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**Sharyl Olson** - September 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM