



## Donald Porter

May 3, 1929 - October 19, 2005

Donald William Porter was born on May 3, 1929 to Hartzel and Mertie (Lane) Porter in Deer Creek. He passed away on Wednesday morning, October 19, at the Elders Home in New York Mills. Don was a lifetime resident of the Deer Creek area. Don served our country in the U.S. Army from April 1951 to April 1953. Don married Leona Warwick on April 10, 1954 in the Hewitt United Bretheren Church. He was a member of the Salem United Methodist Church and the American Legion in Deer Creek. He farmed and after retirement, he worked under the Green Thumb-Experience Works program until the time of his illness in November 2004. He worked at the Finn Creek Museum, Wadena-Deer Creek High School and at the elementary middle school in Deer Creek as a custodial assistant. Don enjoyed woodworking, fishing, metal sculpture, and spending time with grandchildren and great grandchildren. Don is preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister. Don is survived by his wife, Leona; daughter, Joyce (Richard) Voge of Deer Creek; sons, Michael (Wendy) of Deer Creek and Roger (Joleen) of St. Cloud; 6 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; sisters, Estella Loween of Wadena, Betty (Lawrence) Hanson of Austin, Doris Edholm of Hudson, WI, and Vivian (Ronald) Olson of Clitheral; brothers, Melvin and Gerald (Peggy) both of Deer Creek; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives. [View this Videotribute](#)

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“ *Our sympathy to your family in the loss of Don. It is so nice to know that God has a better place for a man who had suffered so. We remember what you went thru with loss of Arlan's just 3 years ago. it comes to a point where it is a joyous relief to see them pass on and know they are not in any more pain.*  
*Margaret*

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**Margaret** - October 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Remembering with you a fellow auction lover with fond memories! Leona and family, our deepest sympathies to you all. Take care and God Bless!*

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**Larry & Becky Shultz** - October 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM