



Halvor Oftedahl

August 12, 1924 - March 8, 2013

The funeral service for Halvor (Junior) Oftedahl will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at Faith Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with Pastors Melissa Ehrhardt and Hollis Bishop officiating. Visitation will be at the church from 4:00PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday and 9:30 until the time of service on Thursday.

Halvor (Junior) Oftedahl of Eagle Bend, age 88, passed away on Friday, March 8 at his home under the care of Knute Nelson Hospice

Junior was born on August 12, 1924 in Minneapolis to Halvor and Lydia (Anderson) Oftedahl. They moved to Eagle Bend when he was a young boy. He was baptized in Minneapolis and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend. He graduated from Eagle Bend High School and was drafted into the Army and served in the Pacific Theater during WWII, first in the Philippines and following the dropping of the atomic bombs, was sent to Japan. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with 1 bronze star, Philippine Liberation with 1 bronze star and the Army of occupation medal Japan and was discharged in October 1946. He returned to Eagle Bend and spent the remainder of his life in this community.

Junior was married to Evelyn Anderson on October 16, 1948 at Petri Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend. They were married for 64 years. Jr. and Evelyn lived

on a farm south of Eagle Bend and raised a family of 5 children: Daniel, Valerie, Bruce, Myron and Philip. Besides being a farmer, Junior started working for Harris Greene Construction in the early 1960s and with Tim Greene Construction until 1996. He continued working with Kenneth Nelson on smaller construction and painting jobs in many homes in the Eagle Bend area until his health caused him to fully retire. Junior was a 43 year survivor of pancreatic cancer. He filled these years with love for family and friends, working hard and enjoyed making furniture for all his children and grandchildren. He kept active, participating in Faith Lutheran Church, doing much of the staining as the church was built and continued working as the church handy man. He was a hard-working, soft spoken man who found his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to be a joy in his life. He enjoyed camping, fishing and working in his wood working shop. In the later months of his life, his enjoyment was watching the birds at the birdfeeder out the front window. His favorite was when the cardinals came.

Junior is survived by wife, Evelyn and children: Daniel (Sherry) of Eagle Bend, Valerie of Sauk Centre, Bruce (Linda) of Long Prairie, Myron (friend Carol) of Silver Lake, and Philip (MargaretMary) of Crystal; grandchildren Brent (Amy) Oftedahl, Jennifer (Tim) Rohloff, Stephanie and Jonathan Oftedahl and great-grandchildren Tyler, Brandon and Lane Oftedahl, Lorisa and Brandi Ritter, Koby Rohloff, Jordan and Dacotah Kolstad; brother, Dale (Darlene) of Eagle Bend, sisters Diane (Louis) Peterson of Clarissa and Karen (Dennis) Beach of Eagle Bend, brother-in-law Harold Jackson of Longmont, Colorado and sister-in-law Delores Hagggar of White Bear Lake.

Halvor was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Kenneth in 1921 and Duane in 1930, and sister Pearl in 2011; granddaughters Brandiss Oftedahl in 1992 and Jackie (Oftedahl) Kolstad in 2007.

Honorary pallbearers are Junior's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Tim Greene, Greg Harren, Donald Jackson, Rick Nelson, Dale Olson and Tyler Oftedahl.

Military honors will be provided by MNARG Honor Guard.

Burial will be at the Hope Lutheran Cemetery in Eagle Bend.

Cemetery Details

Hope Lutheran Cemetery

15115 County Road 22
Eagle Bend, MN 56446

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Eagle Bend
300 Main St. W.
Eagle Bend, MN 56446

Visitation

MAR 14. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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300 Main St. W.
Eagle Bend, MN 56446

Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Halvor Oftedahl*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *Dear Evelyn, cousins and family,*

We are so saddened with the news of the passing of Uncle Junior. We have so many fond memories of visiting the farm and homestead over the years... finding "treasures" from horse and buggy days, tasting fresh milk, walking the fields and taking barn wood home for picture frames.



Junior was always so welcoming with his sparkling eyes, soft-spoken manner and of course, his strong hugs! He will always be very fondly remembered by our family as a gentleman, an incredible hard worker and a handsome, loving family man. He has earned his time of rest in God's heavenly embrace. God bless your family as you hold cherished memories of Junior close in your hearts.

*Much love,
Kathy and Bob, Cole, Chris, Katelyn and Jared*

Kathy Anderson - March 13, 2013 at 09:22 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear about your Dad's passing, Val, know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I am happy to hear that you could honor his last wish of being able to stay at home - you are so lucky that you could do that.

Margie and Darrel Baune

Darrel and Margie Baune - March 10, 2013 at 10:29 PM

MC

“ So sorry to hear about your father's passing away. I know this is a difficult time for you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you find comfort in the many fond memories of him. Muriel and John Coulter, Tracy. I used to teach with Val in Wabasso.

muriel coulter - March 10, 2013 at 02:24 PM