



## Harold Hammond

January 27, 1911 - December 27, 2004

Harold Sumner Hammond was born on January 27, 1911 in Wykeham Township, Todd County, MN to Arthur and Myrtle (Chilson) Hammond. He helped his father on the farm for many years. Harold was united in marriage with Pearl Roberts in 1936. They moved from the Eagle Bend area to the Twin Cities where he managed a restaurant for a time. During World War II, he worked at the Ammo Plant in Minneapolis. He later drove truck, hauling oil all over the state and surrounding areas. He also operated a garage for a number of years. In 1962, Harold moved his family to Big Sandy Lake, outside of McGregor, MN. He started working as a carpenter in general construction and as a handyman. He also worked as a member of the US Civil Services Corps of Engineers at the Sandy Lake Libby Dam. For a short time, Harold returned to Minneapolis where he worked in maintenance at an area hospital. Harold was united in marriage with Marge Petersdorf on February 20, 1982. When he wasn't working or helping out others as a handyman, he enjoyed being outdoors hunting or fishing, snowmobiling and splitting wood. He enjoyed woodworking and working on the mechanics of engines of all sizes. When his children were school age, Harold would enjoy watching their sports activities and later in life followed the Twins and Vikings. Poor health forced Harold to move to the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa, MN in 1999. He passed away there on Monday, December 27, 2004 at the age of 93 years. Harold was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Myrtle Hammond; brother Leon Hammond and sisters Leilo Steinka, Estella Steffens,

Clara Farrell and Gladys Olson. He is survived by his wife Marge of McGregor; sons Douglas (Verna) of Anoka, MN, Allan (Carol) of Pengilly, MN and Terry of Hibbing, MN; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; 7 step-children, 24 step-grandchildren, 32 step-great-grandchildren and 3 step-great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 30, 2004 at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Bend with Pastor Gary Taylor presiding. Pallbearers were Terry Hammond, Allan Hammond, Douglas Hammond, Richard Horsman, Gerald Horsman and John Horsman. Interment was in the Pleasant Mound Cemetery in Leslie Township, Todd County, MN.

# Tribute Wall

VH

“ I think the following poem says it all:

*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much:  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undo grief.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

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**Verna Hammond** - December 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I'll miss you! Thanks for the great memories, the wonderful summers, and all the wisdom you shared with me. I enjoyed the times we went fishing, and also when I got to help you with carpentry in the garage at the lake. While shingling roofs, you taught me how to NOT hit my thumb with a hammer... and promptly hit your own! You always had time for me, and listened to my woes. Thank you! I'm glad you're in a better place now. God bless.

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**Mark Hammond** - December 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Harold had a way of making me feel like family from the first time we meet. He was funny and warm and relaxing to be around. I regret not spending more time with him. It seems this world turns so quickly for our simple minds to grasp what is of true importance, our loved ones. I will miss you, Harold. God has a special place for you in Heaven.

Love,  
Jenifer

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**Jenifer Hammond** - December 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Just want you to know that you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Be safe over the holiday and stay warm. We will miss you while you are away and we will be happy to see you when you return.  
Hang in there and remember, you will see your dad again.....Elbrazos y Besos...T n T Tango

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**Tom and Tonya Smith** - December 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ There is sorrow when a loved one leaves his life and much rejoicing when he arrives in his new life. Thoughts and prayers are with you Terry and and your family at this time. Beside you in spirit. Jean Ruona

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**Jean Ruona** - December 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ our families, the shafers and harolds lived in bloomington next door to each other for many years.us kids grew up together till graduation and all moved on to our future lives and new families. over the years we have all been blessed with our own children and grand kids, but growing uo with harold and pearl and the cousins was probably the best years. we always were with each other and when they moved up north we always stopped to say hi and visit with them and my parents. we will miss harold now that he has gone to a better place as ivan went a few years ago. i'm sure they are now talking about the times they had fishing and working together around the homes. remember they are always with us in our memories. claude and i visit with pearl as often we can. maries was up from tx this year and also got to see pearl. we always get updated on the kids and pictures of you all. your families have grown alot. travis lives with me and still work at wendys, so stop in if you have a chance. i'll always will remember harold in my thoughts and you guys also. take care and god bless. margo

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**margo lowe** - December 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We were sorry to hear about Uncle Harold. Please know you are all in our prayers and good thoughts.

*Johnna & Chad Santillo  
Travis, Spencer & Gabrielle*

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**Johnna & Chad Santillo** - December 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ It is always so difficult to be so many miles away, but wishing you could be with the family for support.

*Harold's family and ours shared many years together as neighbors when our families were young. Our parents always knew we were either at one house or the other. Harold helped our family when a basement was built under our house in Bloomington. God was watching over him as an accident almost took his life. He was meant to live a long and productive life. Our families have shared many family gatherings over the years. Although as adults we were not as close as we were in our growing years, he was a special uncle to me. He installed a new door when I purchased a home, and I was always welcome when ever I stopped in on my way up north to see my family in Grand Rapids. He will be remembered in our hearts and the memories we shared will always be with me. Mom and I send our condolences to the family and know that you are thought of with love. Blessing to all.*

*Marie and Claudette*

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**Claudette and Marie Shafer** - December 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM