



Herman Hammel

December 6, 1919 - December 20, 2016

The Mass of Christian Burial for Herman Hammel, of Sauk Centre and formerly of Bertha, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bertha with Father Matthew Crane as celebrant. Visitation will be held on Monday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Domian-Anderson Chapel in Bertha with Rosary at 5:00 and Prayers at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Herman Joseph Hammel, formerly of Bertha, MN, residing in Sauk Centre the past nine years, passed away on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at Quiet Oaks Hospice House in St. Augusta, MN.

Herman was born to Renhold and Anna (Zimmerman) Hammel on December 6, 1919 in the Hammel home in Dunn County, ND. Growing up on a ranch in western North Dakota is where Herman first experienced his love for nature; from listening to the coyotes and studying the stars to riding the range as he herded sheep or rounded up the cattle. Herman loved to read and absorb knowledge and graduated from high school in Killdeer, ND. Herman and his wife, Lois (Maroney), ranched by Dickenson before coming to Minnesota, which he thought looked like the Garden of Eden. With Lois being from Wadena, MN, they chose to set up farming in rural Bertha, and yes, their Herefords and horses came, too!

Herman's animals were not only part of his occupation, they were also his hobby. He was very proud to sell steers to 4-H youth and see them become Grand Champion winners. He also loved to find unique wood and carve it into wall plaques, toys, coat racks and toothpick holders! Herman was active in 4-H and as a 4-H Leader.

After Herman retired he wrote three books, "Children Of The Homesteaders", "Echoes From Yesteryears", and "My Saddle Told Me".

Herman's children will say of him "the compassion, trust, humility and unconditional love that he lived, along with his faith, was so easy to see and that the best gift to all of them was how much he loved their mother."

Herman was preceded in death by his wife Lois on January 4, 1991; parents Renhold and Anna; four brothers, one sister, granddaughter Mary Kay Kieffer; and son-in-law Milton Wilson.

He is survived by his sons John Hammel of San Jose, CA, David (Debra) Hammel of Winona, MN, and Steven Hammel of New York City, NY; daughters Alexia (Leo) Kieffer of Casselton, ND, Alice Wilson and Annette (Marc) Hinnenkamp both of Sauk Centre, MN, and Mary (Kenn) Tamm of Avon, MN; 24 grandchildren and 56 great-grandchildren; sisters Catherine Siedler of Bismarck, ND, Clarice Guenther of Colorado Springs, CO; along with sister-in-law Betty Hammel of Bismarck, ND.

Serving as pallbearers will be Shawn Meyer, Claudette Schaeffer, Amy Middendorf, Ryan Tamm, and Skylar Hammel.

Burial will be in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Bertha, MN.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery - Bertha

43815 County Road 1
Bertha, MN 56437

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Domian-Anderson Chapel
309 2nd Avenue NW
Bertha, MN 56437
(218) 924-4000

Visitation

DEC **27**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Bertha
205 Cherry Street NW
Bertha, MN 56437

Service

DEC **27**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Bertha
205 Cherry Street NW
Bertha, MN 56437

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Herman Hammel*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 22, 2016 at 04:57 PM

ES

I Am glad I got to know Herman! He would come into Eagle Bend Oil for many good visits and to read his books! He was real! Sorry for your loss , Eugene Smith (Smitty)

Eugene Smith - December 22, 2016 at 09:48 PM

LJ

Very nice pictures - well done video. Good memories.

Linda Jurgens - December 24, 2016 at 12:07 AM

RA

“ *Gene & Roxanne Arndt lit a candle for Herman*



Roxanne & Gene Arndt - December 25, 2016 at 08:39 AM

CK

“ Dear Annette, Marc, and ALL the family of Herman: Our sincere, heartfelt sympathy to all of you on the death of your dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa Herman. He was such a kind man with never an unkind word about anyone! His stories were wonderful to listen to! My favorite memory of Herman is while he lived at Lakeshore Estates, many winter evenings would find him sitting on his walker in the dining area with his back to the warm fireplace. He would sit there all by himself warming up his back. When I would go to Lakeshore Estates to visit my parents, Gus and Irma Anderson, I would occasionally go down and visit with Herman. I can still hear his voice as he was telling me stories from his younger years. I will forever cherish this beautiful image of Herman, the kind man he was, and his many amazing stories. Rest in peace, Herman. Merry Heavenly Christmas!



Cheryl (Anderson) Keller - December 25, 2016 at 07:00 AM

 Carol Hammel

“ You blessed your family friends with love. 💙
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Carol Hammel - December 24, 2016 at 07:50 PM

DB

“ Debbie & George Bell lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel



Debbie & George Bell - December 24, 2016 at 06:48 PM

JB

“ *John And Audrey Blashack lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel*



John and Audrey Blashack - December 24, 2016 at 05:15 PM

HH

“ *Howard Hammel lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel*



Howard Hammel - December 24, 2016 at 02:20 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Herman Hammel.*



December 24, 2016 at 12:08 PM

IB

“ *Herman was a wonderful man. I use to type his stories for him. He will be missed but he is home with his wife. I'm glad I knew him.*



Irene and Jerry Baron - December 24, 2016 at 11:54 AM

PJ

“ Uncle Herman was a warm and caring person, he and Lois raised such a wonderful family. Our sympathies to you all, may your memories stay close to your hearts always.

Pam, Paul, Anna and Dana Jenny

Pam Jenny - December 24, 2016 at 11:26 AM

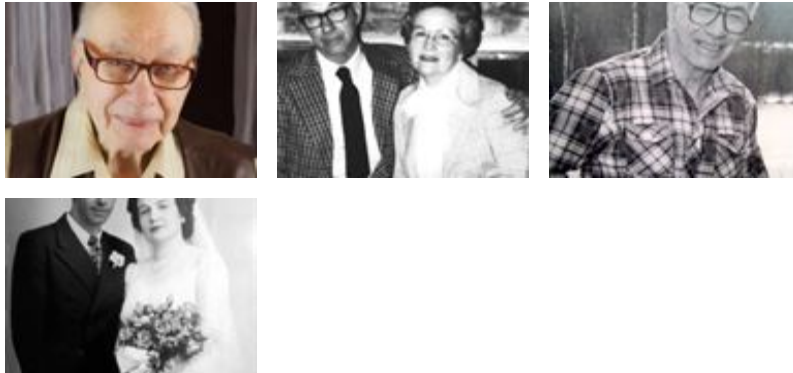
LJ

“ Our Sympathy to the entire family. We share your sadness. Uncle Herman was a true gentleman and always pleasant. Cherish your fond memories. With our Love, Linda and Bob Jurgens

Linda Jurgens - December 23, 2016 at 11:54 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 23, 2016 at 05:28 PM

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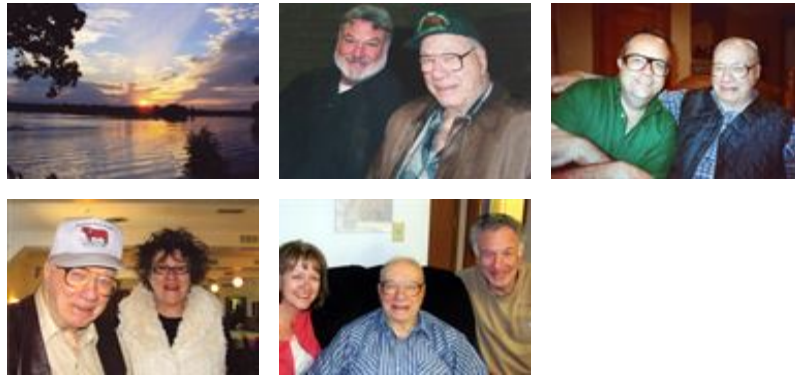
“ *Harold And Barb Lillquist lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel*



Harold and Barb Lillquist - December 23, 2016 at 01:52 AM



“ *43 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 22, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Herman Hammel.*



December 22, 2016 at 11:23 AM

ES

“ Eugene Smith lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel



Eugene Smith - December 22, 2016 at 09:49 AM

DO

“ Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel



Doug and Joan Ostlund - December 22, 2016 at 09:34 AM

JH

“ Janet Hinnenkamp lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel



Janet Hinnenkamp - December 22, 2016 at 09:26 AM

MS

“ Mike Stokes lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel



Mike Stokes - December 21, 2016 at 09:05 PM

JF

“ Jessica Fjeld lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel



Jessica Fjeld - December 21, 2016 at 08:20 PM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel



Rita Anderson - December 21, 2016 at 04:46 PM

NB

“ Neal And Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel



Neal and Leona Bowman - December 21, 2016 at 04:20 PM

GK

“ Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - December 21, 2016 at 03:56 PM

GG

“ *Ginger & Roland Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel*



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - December 21, 2016 at 03:48 PM

JD

“ *Jane Dettmer lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel*



jane dettmer - December 21, 2016 at 11:34 AM

HS

“ *Heidi Stokes lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel*



Heidi Stokes - December 21, 2016 at 09:16 AM

WJ

“ *Wilferd & Shirley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel*



Wilferd & Shirley Johnson - December 21, 2016 at 07:10 AM

DH

“ *Dee Hendershot lit a candle in memory of Herman Hammel*



Dee Hendershot - December 21, 2016 at 06:03 AM

DH

Herman inspired me as a writer, but most of all as a person who sacrificed and cared for people he loved.

Dee Hendershot - December 21, 2016 at 06:05 AM