



## Leslie Carlson

July 4, 1932 - March 17, 2015

The memorial service for Leslie Tillman Carlson of Wadena will be held at 10:30a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena. Friends may call at the chapel in Wadena on Saturday from 9:00a.m. until the time of service. Leslie passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at the hospital in Perham, MN.

Leslie was born to Berent and Johanna (Thompson) Carlson on July 4, 1932, in Walsh County, Dahlen, ND. He grew up and worked on the family farm until entering the U.S. Army in December 1953. He served in Panama during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in November 1955. Les was united in marriage with Ellen Monson in 1954 and they moved to Minneapolis, MN, where Les became a Master Plumber. They moved to Wadena and he continued farming while owning and operating Carlson Plumbing. Ellen passed away on November 12, 1986. He later married Judy Diane (Walker) Phelps on April 8, 2000 in Wadena. Les loved music and playing guitar. He enjoyed playing cards including Whist, and gardening with a special interest in raising tomatoes. He was always looking for others to join him in a good game of Pinochle. Les especially enjoyed family celebrations on the Fourth of July, his birthday! He was a member of the former Messiah Lutheran Church in Wadena, the American Legion in Lankin, ND, and a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

Les was preceded in death by his first wife Ellen; parents Berent and Johanna; son Wayne; daughters Deborah and Tammy; brothers Carrol, Sheldon, Urban, Dorman and Dennis Carlson; and grandson Tyler McClure.

He is survived by his wife Judy; son Dwight (Nancy) of Park Rapids; daughters Robin (Wayne) McClure of Deerwood and Penny (Bruce) McManigle of Wadena; son-in-law Jeremy Long; daughter-in-law Mary Schomer; 13 grandchildren & 21 great-grandchildren; brother Ronald (Ila) Carlson; and sisters Delores Wermerskirchen and JoAnn (Jim) Zander; along with sisters-in-law Marlys Carlson and Jane Carlson.

Honorary pallbearers will be all of Les' grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Inurnment will be in the Compton Lutheran Cemetery in Ottertail County, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Compton Lutheran Cemetery

30552 Otter Tail Co Rd 73  
Deer Creek, MN 56527

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel  
205 4th Street Southwest  
Wadena, MN 56482  
(218) 631-3632

## Service

MAR 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Leslie Carlson* ”



**Schuller Family Funeral Homes** - March 20, 2015 at 09:22 PM

DC

*what a most beautiful tribute to Les and thank you so very much for putting it together, brings back some very wonderful memories of people that have gone before, and people that are still here, love you Les, may you be at peace with everyone that has their arms waiting for you to greet you and will see you on the other side. Love you, Dar/Maggie*

**darlene cedergren** - March 20, 2015 at 10:24 PM



Warren  
Carlson

*Good video*

**Warren Carlson** - March 23, 2015 at 07:10 PM

PM

“ *Punk & Jackie McManigle lit a candle in memory of Leslie Carlson* ”



**Punk & Jackie McManigle** - March 21, 2015 at 10:08 PM

PM

*Thoughts & prayers to the family*

**Punk & Jackie McManigle** - March 21, 2015 at 10:10 PM

TS

“ *Tami And Gene Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Leslie Carlson*



**Tami and Gene Schwartz** - March 21, 2015 at 07:20 PM

PH

“ *Pat & Steve Hendrickson lit a candle in memory of Leslie Carlson*



**Pat & Steve Hendrickson** - March 20, 2015 at 08:02 PM

PH

“ *Good ole' Les, You couldn't have asked for a better human being! The love that he showed to all his family and friends each and every time he saw them was very apparent. You could see it in his eyes. He was always happy to see you. The many weekends at the Farm on Friday or Saturdays nights, Les was always there, playing his guitar and the good ole songs. Waltzing with all the girls and living life to the fullest, we should all live that way. Good bye for now ole' man; We will meet on the other side again one day. Enjoy your reunion with the family!*

**Pat & Steve Hendrickson** - March 20, 2015 at 08:01 PM

SO

“ Sharyl Olson(umland) lit a candle in memory of Leslie Carlson



sharyl olson(umland) - March 20, 2015 at 06:15 PM

LN

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dave and Lori Neuschwander



Lori Neuschwander - March 20, 2015 at 02:07 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Les 1



Wayne McClure - March 20, 2015 at 02:00 PM

DC

thanks for posting this, means a lot, love his singing and picking and dancing, dar/maggie

darlene cedergren - March 20, 2015 at 02:58 PM

RM

“ I love you forever dad, rest in peace and love.



Robin McClure - March 20, 2015 at 12:40 PM

DC

I am so very sorry for your loss, he's with Mom and Tammy and Wayne and Gert and all the rest of the family and friends, love you always, Dar/Maggie

darlene cedergren - March 20, 2015 at 03:00 PM

DC

Les, you will be missed by many, join your brothers at Grandma & Grampa's table. You were loved and respected by many friends and relatives. God Speed Uncle Leslie.

Dean Carlson - March 20, 2015 at 05:39 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Leslie Carlson.



March 19, 2015 at 08:23 PM

VW

“ Vern & Ginger Wiederich lit a candle in memory of Leslie Carlson



Vern & Ginger Wiederich - March 19, 2015 at 08:35 AM

BS

“ Bruce And Trish Steinkopf lit a candle in memory of Leslie Carlson



Bruce and Trish Steinkopf - March 18, 2015 at 10:13 PM

BH

“ I always enjoyed the summer's spent at Les and Ellen's as a kid. He bought me my first pair of work boots and let me hang around the work Site for a day with Dwight and Wayne. He taught me everything I know about plumbing, which is... Shit rolls down hill, payday's on Friday and never bite your finger nails. What a character, he will be missed. Love to you all. Barry

Barry Hogfoss - March 18, 2015 at 09:06 PM

TF

“ The Hogfoss family purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Leslie Carlson.



The Hogfoss family - March 18, 2015 at 08:37 PM

SK

“ He was a wonderful man an will be missed by many...thoughts an prayers for the family



sally an mike koolmo - March 18, 2015 at 08:15 PM

DC

“ You became my father-in-law in 1974. You never called me Darlene, always Maggie, or you old bag, or both. You gave the best sloppy kisses I have ever had and always will. I am hoping you are at peace now with Mom and Deb and Wayne and Tammy, and all your other relatives and friends. You will always hold a very special place in my heart. I hope that you are playing guitar and showing everyone a great time. Rest in Peace and I love you, Les, or as I called you, you old fart. Dar aka Maggie



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**Darlene Cedergren** - March 18, 2015 at 08:09 PM

JR

“ Jack & Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Leslie Carlson



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**Jack & Judy Richter** - March 18, 2015 at 12:25 PM