



Mervin Klatt

July 15, 1929 - July 16, 2004

Mervin William Klatt was born in Stowe Prairie Township on July 15, 1929 to William and Sadie Klatt. He resided in Todd County all his life. He was united in marriage with Verna Joyce Brueland at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena on August 6, 1955. Mervin served his country in the Army during the Korean War. He continued to serve his community as a member of the William Larson American Legion Post 366 and as a school bus driver for 39 years. He was also a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha. Mervin retired from farming and took time to enjoy bowling, horseshoes and all sports. He was an avid follower of the Twins, Vikings, Gophers and Timberwolves. Mervin passed away suddenly at the Lakewood Health Systems Hospital in Staples on July 16, 2004. He was 75 years old. Mervin was preceded in death by his parents William and Sadie Klatt. He is survived by his wife Joyce; children Deborah (Craig) Menze of Mora, Minnesota, David of West Fargo, North Dakota and Donald of Monticello, Minnesota; 9 grandchildren; sister Marna Klatt of Modesto, California; nieces, nephews and many friends. He is also survived by his uncle Elmer Mallow of Casselton, North Dakota and aunt Delores Erbe of Long Beach, California. Memorial services for Mervin are being held on Thursday, July 22, 2004 at 11:00 AM at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha with Reverend Blake Rickbeil presiding. Friends may call at the church one hour prior to the service. Military honors are provided by the William Larson American Legion Post 366 of Bertha. Pallbearers are Jim Kohnen, Dave Truax, Bob Coleman, Erv Schichting, Garvin Smith and Dale

Current. Honorary Pallbearers are the bus drivers of B-H Transportation.
Interment is in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Bartlett Township, Todd
County, Minnesota.

Tribute Wall

MN

“ I WANT TO SAY HOW SORRY I'M FOR THE LOSS OF UNCLE MERVIN. I LOVED HIM LIKE A BROTHER. HE WAS SO KIND TO ALL OF US GIRLS. WHEN WE WOULD COME TO VISIT FROM CALIF. HE WOULD ALWAYS WANT TO TAKE US TO GET ICE CREAM AND WE WOULD FOLLOW HIM EVERYWHERE HE WENT ON THE FARM. I JUST LOVED WHEN HE WOULD SING TO ME AND TEACH ME SOME SONGS. I REMEMBER HOW HE WOULD WHISTLE ALL THE TIME AND I JUST LOVED TO HEAR HIM. HE WOULD GIVE ME KISSES ALL THE TIME AND TALK ABOUT THE FARM. I THOUGHT HE WAS NUMBER 1 UNCLE THAT LOVED EVERYONE. I KNOW HE IS IN A BETTER PLACE AND WE WILL ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN. I LOVE YOU, YOUR NIECE COOKIE

MYRNA MARIE COOKIE NICHOLSON - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Words can never fully express or do justice what my dad meant to me, my family and to so many others.

He was a loving, kind and gentle man. He was concerned about the church and God's people. He loved sports, cards, television (especially westerns) and visiting with company.

My dad was more than just a dad to me, he was also a great friend and a good listener. He was always there to help me when I needed it. He can never be replaced.

It is selfish of me to wish him to be here on earth with all the pain and troubles we have. I can rejoice knowing that he is in heaven because he has Jesus Christ as his Savior. He had faith in what Jesus had done some 2000 years ago. I also know that when it is my time to leave this earth, I will be reunited with my earthly father. I look forward to that day to be with him.

Thank you God for letting me have an earthly dad, like Mervin. Goodbye, and until we see each other again, I love you, dad.

Donald Michael Klatt - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Words can not express the overwhelming love and support we felt from friends and family members over the sudden lose of dad. He was the best dad, he always was there to listen and would offer support whenever we needed him. I knew he would always be there for me no matter what. I will cherish the memories of him and the wonderful times we had together forever. He and I had a special bond - we were tight. I was his sunshine and he was my light. Not only was he the world's best dad, he was also the world's best grandpa too. My boys loved going to the farm and spending time with their grandparents. They still talk about those weeks on the farm and feel very fortunate to have experienced life on the farm. My sons felt like they were the lucky ones to have spent their grandpa's last night on this earth with them, playing "hand and foot". Grandpa went home a winner. Its a memory that they will cherish forever.

It was evident to all of us in the past week how many lives dad had touched. His gentle smile, listening ear, his gentle touch held a special place in so many peoples lives. He truly had many, many friends and was loved by so many. I believe he knew it too and that is why he always had a smile on his face.

We wanted to surprise him with a surprise birthday party, but God surprised us and him with the best surprise of all- a special place for him in heaven with all the ones that have gone on before him. I'm sure he's doing something now that he enjoyed here, playing cards, throwing shoes, shooting darts, bowling, or just sitting there and watching us. I know he is in "Good Hands." I look forward to the day when we will all be together again.

"Letter from Heaven"

To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say. But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived ok. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there are no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through. God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you. It's good to have you back again; you were missed while you were

gone. As for your dearest family, they'll be here later on. There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man." God gave me a list of things that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list was to watch and care for each of you. And when you lie in bed at night the day's chores put to flight. God and I are closest to you...in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years. Because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry: it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. If I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; but together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too; what as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain; then you can say to God at night..."My day was not in vain." And now I am contented...that my life was worthwhile. Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low; just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when its time for you to go...from that body to be free. Remember you're not going...you're coming here to me.

Love, Dad - Grandpa - Mervin

I love you dad!!

Debby

Deb Menze - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Deb ~ My prayers are with your family during this sad and difficult time. Hold each other tight and share all the beautiful memories of your dad...often. May God give you and yours strength and know that you are in my thoughts.*

((Deb))

Kathy...Kathy's KidKare in MT

Kathy Ward - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Uncle Mervin will be missed terribly, but remembered forever. He was a patient and understanding man, and always had time for me (and my family) when at the farm, even during his busiest times. He set good examples for me and everyone he met. The memories I have are great ones, and Merv will live on in my heart and head, and with all of those who new and loved him. Goodbye for now Merv, we love you.*

Brent Brueland - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *I remember visiting uncle mervin and aunt joyce when I was a small child. That has to be the most memorable exprience of my child hood. The fun I had with donny, david and deb. Their was an event that took place in California a few years back and I was unable to attend and the rest of the family was able to see uncle mervin and aunt joyce. However I know I will see him again.*

denise terry-wilson - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ What is son to say when he has lost someone special to him. I was very fortunate to have a loving and supportive father throughout my life. There is always a special bond between a father and son and I had that with my dad. We had alot of good times working on the farm together and had some good talks. I know that I caused my dad worries and heartaches but he was always there to help me through and was very understanding. I can look back and feel very fortunate to have had 45 years to know my father. That is something that no one can take away. I have a lot of good memories with my dad and will be able to always look back on those times. No one ever wants to lose someone that is close to them but God felt it was my dad's time to be with him. I am thankful that he did not have to suffer in pain. I loved Mervin as my dad and my best friend. He will always be in my heart and will always be there for me to talk to whenever I need him. I know that he touched a lot of people's heart and would do anything for anyone that needed help. May his memories always be with us as he looks down on us with a smile. He is home now. With all my love to my dad. Your son. Dave

David Klatt - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Remember all the best days you had with your Dad and be grateful for them. If only we all had more time to tell people we love them. I'm thinking of you and love you, Deb and Craig!

Lynda Nelson - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ John 11:25 Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life, he who believes in me shall live, even if he dies." I pray that these words will bring comfort to the family. Betty Ammerman

Betty Ammerman - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Uncle Mervin left us so unexpectdly and we all miss him dearly. If he could write a letter from Heaven, I feel this is what he would say: There are some things I'd like to say ...But first of all I want you to know that I arrived okay.

I'm writing this from Heaven. Here I dwell with God above, Here there are no Tears of sadness, here is just Eternal Love

Please do not be unhappy and sad. Because I'm out of sight Remember that I'm with you every morning , noon and Night

My loved ones, that day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through. GOD picked me up and Hugged me and said, "I welcome you...

It's Good to have you back again. YOU were missed while you were gone".

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I Love you all

Janet Terry - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Remembering "Merv" with great respect and love. Remembering his family with love and prayers. Merv was always a man whom I respected, and a relative to whom I felt very close. He and my sister were always like "second parents" to my children. Merv will be missed by all of us, even though we were not able to be together often. Our family, the community and the entire world has lost a great man!!

Charline Smith - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ With deepest condolences Parker and I send you all our love and prayers.

Dave Charette - July 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM