



Willard Norton

July 9, 1932 - March 2, 2015

The funeral service for Willard Norton of Verndale will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9, at the Verndale Alliance Church. Friends may call on Sunday at the Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Verndale Chapel from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m, and at the Alliance Church on Monday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Surrounded by his family, Willard passed away on Monday, March 2, 2015 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, MN.

Willard was born to Earl and Francis (Bergstrum) Norton on July 9, 1932, in Todd County, MN, on the family farm, making him the third generation to live there. He was a member of the United States Army from November 12, 1953 to November 9, 1956, and served in Germany. Willard was united in marriage with Beverly Jean Harne on August 12, 1953 at Opin, MT. He was a dedicated farmer who enjoyed attending & participating in threshing shows. He found fulfillment in woodworking and was talented at restoring tractors and farm machinery to like-new condition. His specialty was restoring farm plows.

Willard was preceded in death by his parents Earl and Francis.

He is survived by his loving wife Bev; sons David (Lanna) Norton of Page, AZ and Dale (Debra) Norton of Pahrump, NV; daughter Diane (Charles) Wachlin of Wadena; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sisters Donna Mickelsen of Verndale, Sharlene Poyter of Corbin, KY and Norma Goddard of

Wadena; along with a host of friends and neighbors.

Honorary pallbearers will be Willard's grandchildren & great-grandchildren, along with all of his friends at the Threshing Shows & Antique Tractor Clubs. Serving as pallbearers will be Chuck Goddard, Glen Goddard, Brad Kempe, Rod Kempe, Jacob Norton and Nevada Norton.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale, MN.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Verndale Chapel
9 North Farwell Street
Verndale, MN 56481
(218) 445-5191

Visitation

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

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Alliance Church
109 Brown St. NW
Verndale, MN 56481

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Willard Norton*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 05, 2015 at 05:25 PM

RS

“ *What a wonderful video tribute. Thank you for sharing it for those of us who did not personally know Willard. Dave and Lana, so very sorry for your loss. Love and prayers to your entire family in this difficult time. Chuck and Rae Smith*

Rae Smith - March 10, 2015 at 09:00 PM

DD

“ *Danny Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



Danny Dunlap - March 08, 2015 at 09:49 AM

JK

“ Jack & Ronda Kern lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton



Jack & Ronda Kern - March 06, 2015 at 08:44 AM

BN

“ Bill And Gloria Nokes lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton



Bill and Gloria Nokes - March 06, 2015 at 08:12 AM

CO

“ So many wonderful memories of doing the Dalton show together. Now Willard and Donald will be together again to talk farm equipment.

Carol Derby Osborn - March 05, 2015 at 06:18 PM

SF

“ Steve And Jeri Cottrell Family lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton



Steve and Jeri Cottrell Family - March 05, 2015 at 11:12 AM

MW

“ *Mark And Jodi Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



Mark and Jodi Wegscheid - March 04, 2015 at 09:31 PM

SG

“ *Shelley Glenz lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



Shelley Glenz - March 04, 2015 at 09:27 PM

RM

“ *Roman And Barb Moench lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



Roman and Barb Moench - March 04, 2015 at 02:05 PM

HH

“ *Harlyn and Janette Hanson*



Harlyn Hanson - March 04, 2015 at 01:45 PM

SH

“ *Sandy Hess lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



Sandy Hess - March 04, 2015 at 11:45 AM

LE

“ *Dear Bev and Family,*

We share your loss at Willard's passing. Our families have been close over the years --- Willard was so good to help Hildur and Earl and we appreciated that. Always enjoyed his stories and sharing of tractor knowledge. We are glad we got to see him recently and will remember the hugs he gave us. Sincerely, Jan, Lynn and Todd Erickson

Lynn Erickson - March 04, 2015 at 10:47 AM

EF

“ *Esther & Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



Esther & Alan Freitag - March 03, 2015 at 07:57 PM

TF

“ Timothy KLinkner And Family lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton



Timothy KLinkner and Family - March 03, 2015 at 07:46 PM

MC

“ Marlene Campbell lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton



Marlene Campbell - March 03, 2015 at 07:32 PM

JC

“ Jim And Janell Carr lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton



Jim and Janell Carr - March 03, 2015 at 07:07 PM

PE

“ Pathways Innovative Education purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Willard Norton.



Pathways Innovative Education - March 03, 2015 at 06:02 PM

HJ

“ Herman And Bonnie Jasmer lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton



Herman and Bonnie Jasmer - March 03, 2015 at 05:01 PM

PP

“ I have happy memories of Willy and my Dad discussing tractors at England Prairie and over a cup of coffee at the kitchen table. Now they will fix/restore all the tractors in heaven together. May the memories of the good times bring Bev and the family peace during the difficult days ahead.....Pam Pfarr



Pam Pfarr - March 03, 2015 at 11:57 AM

AM

“ The smiling face, homemade vests, stories, hugs and handshakes will be missed! Willard always made my days brighter, at the clinic, even though he wasn't feeling the greatest! Until I see you again.....

Amber - March 03, 2015 at 10:12 AM

MF

“ Our sympathy to the Norton Family ~~~ Mike & Marie Fraune



Marie and Mike Fraune - March 03, 2015 at 09:49 AM

RK

“ *Rich And Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



Rich and Mavis Kendall - March 03, 2015 at 09:12 AM

DD

“ *Deb Denny lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



deb denny - March 03, 2015 at 08:09 AM

TD

Our love and prayers go out to the family. What an amazing man, so full of life and loved to visit. Will truly be missed

Terry and Deb Denny - March 03, 2015 at 08:13 AM

SF

“ *Steven And MaryJo Lindquist & Family lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



Steven and MaryJo Lindquist & Family - March 03, 2015 at 06:56 AM

RB

“ *Rita Boehland lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



Rita Boehland - March 02, 2015 at 08:58 PM

MR

“ *Michelle Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



Michelle Rousslang - March 02, 2015 at 08:23 PM

GD

“ *George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



George&Julie Deiss - March 02, 2015 at 06:18 PM

LH

“ *LEO Haisman lit a candle in memory of Willard Norton*



LEO Haisman - March 02, 2015 at 06:10 PM

MW

“ *BEVERLY DIANE DAVID DALE AND FAMILIES*
Our sincere sympathy in your loss. May God wrap his arms around you all and give you peace and comfort. Delmar and Manila Wiebe

Manila Wiebe - March 02, 2015 at 04:59 PM

NS

So sorry for your loss. Willard was a great man and a source of wonderful information about antique farm equipment. Nate Schlieff family

Nate Schlieff - March 03, 2015 at 12:55 PM

JD

Bev and family. We all know My Grandpa DeYonge and Willy are talking and drinking coffee. We have many good memories of these 2 friends! Paul and Josh DeYonge and families

Josh DeYonge - March 04, 2015 at 08:01 PM

KH

We are sorry for your loss. Glad your family will have wonderful memories to share with each other.

Kelly and Judith Holmquist - March 06, 2015 at 12:43 PM