



Gordon Olson

May 16, 1930 - January 30, 2012

Gordon Olson, age 81, of Twin Valley, MN, died Monday, January 30, 2012 in Sanford Medical Center, Fargo.

Donald Gordon Olson was born May 16, 1930, in Fossom Township east of Twin Valley, the son of Clarence and Byrde (Johnson) Olson. He was baptized and confirmed his faith at Wild Rice Lutheran Church, rural Twin Valley.

Growing up, Gordon attended Four Corner Country School and soon after began working for area farmers as well as in North Dakota. He later served his country in the Army Air Corps as a paratrooper, truck driver and equipment operator. Following his honorable discharge, Gordon returned to the Twin Valley area where he married Shirley Ellingworth, and later divorced. On March 11, 1966, Gordon was united in marriage to Delores Pinske in Sisseton; SD. The couple made their home in the Twin Valley area. Gordon was employed for many years by Abbot-Arne-Schwindt, Inc. in Moorhead, MN, as a crane operator in the tri-state area. Later he was employed by Moorhead Construction until he retired at the age of 62. After his retirement, Gordon kept busy for the next ten years working for Kevin Paulsrud in Halstad, MN.

Gordon was a member of the 49ers Operating Engineers Union for many years. His favorite past times included card playing, watching western movies, loved horses and his most favorite, professional wrestling. Gordon enjoyed spending time with family and friends, but he truly treasured the time he spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Delores of Twin Valley; sons: Tom (Tami), Don,

and Reed (Denise) all of Twin Valley, and Tim (Kathy) of Owyhee, NV; daughter, Linda of Twin Valley; step-son, Brian Ellingworth; a sister, Barbara (Russell) DeLong of Elk River, MN; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother; one sister; one great-nephew and a granddaughter, Dana.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 11:00 AM in Wild Rice Lutheran Church, rural Twin Valley. Visitation was Friday from 5-7 PM with a Prayer Service at 6 PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, Twin Valley.

Visitation was also one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Officiating was Pastor Al Brooks with Jolee Habedank serving as organist, Kayla Korsgaden as pianist and Rhoda Habedank serving as vocalist.

Pallbearers were Alan Pinske, Dean Bentley, John Habedank, Jeff Jenson, Steve Chilton and Kris Chilton. Honorary Pallbearers were his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Chassidy, Melody, Derick, Dusty, Luke, Brittny, Katie, Brooke, Bailey, Zane, Cairo, Hunter, Zoe, Lexie, Haylee, Landyn. Military Honors were provided by Twin Valley Nesseseth-Lien Post #431 of the American Legion.

Interment was in Twin Valley Memorial Garden Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you in your loss of Gordon. We always enjoyed visiting with him when he would come to the Standard for oil changes. May all your cherished memories help you all through this difficult time. Roy and Julie Chounard

Roy and Julie Chounard - February 02, 2012 at 08:41 PM

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“ Hey Gordon, Heard you have Booked a Trip too Heaven. I want to tell you I have the most wonderful memories of you growing up and as a young adult.I have been taking this time too reflect on how much you meant' too me and Thank You so much. You will be truly missed by many who you touched. Grandma Bryde is planning to set another plate for Supper and you all enjoy your meals' together. Not only did you love your own family but you loved Mom and her Kids' too so in return Gordon, I love you and I always' will so until we meet again. God Bless You and tell Mom I am doing just fine down here on Earth. Your Niece Rosalie

Rosalie Ek - February 01, 2012 at 04:20 PM

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“ Thank you Uncle Gordon for all the memories we shared over the years.Thank you for filling that void in my life when i didn't have a father too look up too...you truely understood the pain i carried in my heart for years after the loss of my Dad.I once told you never too leave me but i knew someday you would have too go.To your family you leave behind may god's love follow you each and everyday of your lives.I will always always love you...until we meet again someday.
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Renee Ek Goodin - January 31, 2012 at 06:49 PM