



Lars Hamre

December 7, 1915 - November 27, 2012

Lars Hamre, age 96, of Twin Valley, MN died Tuesday, November 27, 2012 in the Twin Valley Living Center, Twin Valley.

Lars Hamre was born December 7, 1915, the son of Edward and Rosa (Nelson) Hamre near Fertile, MN. He grew up on the family farm south of Fertile and attended country school in that area, graduating from Fertile High School with the class of 1934. As a young man, Lars farmed with his family. On October 14, 1938 Lars was united in marriage to Evelyn Dokken in Ada, MN. The couple lived on several farms in Norman County before purchasing a farm east of Twin Valley where they operated a grain and dairy farm for the next 40 years. Lars was a township Assessor in Norman County for many years, a job that he truly loved, continuing even into his retirement. In 1984 Lars and Evelyn sold the farm and moved into Twin Valley and in 1999 they moved into the Normandy. Lars became a resident of the Twin Valley Living Center in December of 2006, which he called home until the time of his death. Evelyn, his wife of over 70 years, died March 2, 2009.

Lars was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and a former member of First Lutheran Church in Mahanomen. Lars was an avid Twins fan as well as an outdoorsman where he enjoyed bird watching. He was known for planting trees and growing beautiful vegetable and flower gardens. Lars' favorite pastimes also included doing jigsaw puzzles and enjoying a cup of coffee with his friends. For many years Lars could be found checking on local residents while delivering meals on wheels. Lars loved spending time with his nieces

and nephews, but he truly treasured the time he spent with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lars is survived by his sons, Lamont (Kathy) Hamre of Clive, IA and Dr. Merlin Hamre of Anchorage, AK; a daughter, Ramona (Dr. Larry) Halvorson of Grand Forks, ND; sisters-in-law, Lois Dokken of Fosston, MN, Catherine Dokken of Moorhead, MN and Ila Gast of Eugene, OR; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, three sisters and five brothers. Funeral Services were held on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 11:00 AM in Zion Lutheran Church, Twin Valley. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. Officiating was Pastor Anne Pairan with Danette Gwin serving as organist and Karen Bergstrom and Julie Thornton serving as vocalists. Pallbearers were Dr. Jeffrey Hamre, Michael Hamre, Adam Halvorson, James Halvorson, John Halvorson, Katie Halvorson, Lars Hamre, Celeste Hamre, Britta Hamre and Madison Halvorson. Honorary pallbearers were all of Lars' nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Mahanomen, MN.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *My sympathies. I became acquainted with Lars on the daily newspaper delivery and also in greeting him in hallways of the Twin Valley Living Center. I always appreciated his smile and gentleness. I am sure he will be missed.*

Diane Ruud - December 03, 2012 at 10:15 AM

RS

“ *Ramona I am sorry to hear of your Fathers death. My Mom lived to be 98. It is hard no mater what age they are when they are gone. You have my Deepest Sympathy. Ruth*

Ruth (Olstad) Stebleton - December 01, 2012 at 10:09 PM

BS

“ *To Lars' families: It was a pleasure to know your Dad. Lars and I shared many talks. We both were part time assessors (me-city; Lars-country) for many years. When they moved to town, it was also a pleasure to visit them when they stopped into my store.*

Betty Schoephoerster - December 01, 2012 at 12:44 PM

DL

“ *Lamont, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

David Lien - November 30, 2012 at 02:15 PM