



Leslie E Sivertson

July 14, 1926 - January 21, 2014

Leslie Elmer Sivertson was born on the family farm near Mission Hill, South Dakota to Burt and Eline (Vevang) Sivertson. He grew up on the farm and was very active with his father in the daily operation. He attended country school through the 8th grade and had fond memories of climbing the windmill to make repairs and the nightly gathering for the family to sing and play the accordion. Les served his country in the United States Army during World War II.

Les married Lora Collett in 1951 at the Methodist Church in Gayville, South Dakota and they were blessed with three children: Ronald, Richard and Lori. Les raised his family in several states before they settled in Iowa. Les married Marie Becker in 1976 at the Christian Church of Waterloo and they have made their home here since then.

Les worked as a machinist while in California and at a meat processing plant before working at O'Daniel Oldsmobile and Honda for 33 years. It was here that he worked his way up from car washer to lube man to certified mechanic. He later advanced to the position of service writer. Les enjoyed woodworking, sharing the bounty of his garden and playing the accordion. He was a self-taught musician, who could play several instruments by ear and the nightly music time continued for many years. Through the years, Les worked side jobs to earn extra money to provide an annual vacation for his family. He was active in his community, serving as a scout leader and leader in his church, spending many hours helping during the construction of the new building. Les

was a loving, loyal and compassionate man, always joyful and quick with a hug for everyone. He grew to be a Husker fan, loved mashed potatoes, coke and dinner out at Farmer Brown's.

Les passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Shalimar Garden in Fremont, Nebraska at the age of 87 years, 6 months and 7 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Burt and Eline, his brothers Arnold and Kenneth and sisters Berniece Nissen, Sylvia Hagan and Elsie Holstetter. Les is survived by his wife Marie; sons: Ron (Sharil) of Topeka, KS and Rich of Albuquerque, NM; daughter Lori (Mark) Singletary of Richland Hills, TX; and step-children: Carol (Jerry Curren) Cleek of Omaha, Connie (Ed) Anderson of Oakland, NE and Gary (Dana) Becker of Caspar, WY; 17 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren; brothers Harold (Sharon) of Council Bluffs, IA and Olin of Wakonda, SD; and sister Alice Larson of Yankton, SD.

Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie E Sivertson*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Leslie Elmer Sivertson - I am sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in many great memories of Mr. Sivertson. The promise of Paradise, the perfect conditions God originally arranged for mankind in the Garden of Eden will be fulfilled including Godâ€™s "will being done as in Heaven also upon Earth" (Matthew 6:9, 10). I hope that you are comforted by the many wonderful Bible promises (John 17:3).*

J Johnson - January 24, 2014 at 01:01 PM



“ *My thoughts are with my cousins, Lori, Rich and Ron, today. I have many memories of your dad tinkering in the garage in Council Bluffs and enjoying family visits. He was a generous and kind soul who had a wonderful life.*

Nancy Draper - January 23, 2014 at 02:18 PM



“ *I have such wonderful childhood memories of Uncle Les playing his prized accordian and of how proud he was to show us his slides of the family. I will forever think of him when I hear his beloved polka music. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Randy and Peggy Hoover - January 23, 2014 at 09:39 AM

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“ We absolutely loved Les and Marie both. Les was a great mechanic and a fun guy. We have a lot of happy memories of him and we will long remember him. May God bless you all as you gather to honor his memory.

Steve and Jo Stolle - January 22, 2014 at 11:53 PM

DD

“ So sorry to hear about Les. We enjoyed getting to know him and miss him at the Drake games.

Denise and Lance Van Deest - January 22, 2014 at 06:29 PM

MA

“ "Let your kingdom come, Let your will takeplace, as in heaven, also on earth.that at Matthew 6:10.

marycannon - January 22, 2014 at 11:36 AM

RH

“ I have so many childhood memories of Uncle Les playing his accordian and proudly showing his slides of the family. I never hear polka music without thinking of him. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Randy and Peggy Hoover - January 22, 2014 at 10:10 AM