LARSEN, Dewayne M.

August 2, 1932
rural Viborg
January 4, 2003

Dewayne M. Larsen

Dewayne M. Larsen was born on a farm 1 mile east and 2.5 miles south of Viborg to Magnus and Anna (Erickson) Larsen on August 2, 1932. He attended elementary school in district 63 three miles south and one mile east of Viborg with his twin sister Elaine until the eighth grade when he stopped attending school to work the family farm.

In 1951, Dewayne joined the Air Force where he was first based near Albuquerque, NM and served on the United States Mexican Border Patrol. Next, he was sent to Korea during the Korean War and upon his return to the states was stationed outside Buffalo, NY where he married in 1954. In 1955, twin daughters, Dana and Debbie, were born in Viborg on October 1.

Dewayne worked in Sioux Falls for A-1 Appliance, Lewis Drug Stores and K-Mart Stores from 1955 until he was transferred by K-Mart to Rapid City in 1968. He lived various locations throughout the Black Hills and Rapid City region where he initiated and operated two thriving construction companies: Larsen builders construction and Westate Dakota Construction. Dewayne built numerous large commercial and residential buildings during the 1970's and 1980's then went onto doing government contract construction work on the Ellsworth Air Force Base for an extensive period. In 1993, Dewayne moved to Gillette, WY, went to work for Hladky Construction, Inc., as Chief Estimator and met Colleen Hollsworth who became his fiancee.

On January 4, 2003 Dewayne went home to be with the Lord and his family that preceded him: Magnus Larsen (father), Anna Larsen (mother), Hazel Larsen (sister), Elaine Berthelsen (sister), Murnel Larsen (brother), and many other loved ones.

Grateful for having shared his life were fiancee Colleen Hollsworth of Gillette, WY, daughter Debbie Larsen of Plano, TX, daughter Dana Larsen of Sioux Falls, granddaughter and husband Nicole and Todd Gibbs of Portland, OR, brother Maynard Larsen of Viborg, sister-in-law Opal Larsen of Viborg, niece Betty Larsen of Spokane, WA, nephew and wife Larry and Shirley Larsen of Sioux Falls, nephew and wife Dennis and Nancy Larsen of Page, AZ, niece and husband Roxie and Carlton Phillips of Sioux Falls, niece and husband Sharon and Tom Moran of Sioux Falls, Scott Larsen of Sioux Falls, Natalie Fincher of Spokane, WA, Derrick Fincher of Spokane, WA, Shannon and Samantha Moran of Sioux Falls, Eric Larsen of Sioux Falls, Kimberly Larsen of Page, AZ, Megan Valentine of Spokane, WA, Adrienne Peters of Missoula, MT, Aaron Larsen of Page, AZ, Nicholas Larsen of Minneapolis, MN, Travis Moran of Sioux Falls, Stacy Moran of Sioux Falls, Rachel and Brooke Phillips of Sioux Falls, Alice Sachau or Albuquerque, NM, Robert Moreland of Hysham, MT, and many other dear extended family and friends.

Services were Wednesday, January 8, 2003 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Viborg with Pastor Steve Unzicker officiating. Organist was Dotty Larsen with special music by Alan, Gary and Ethel Ward.

Honorary Pallbearers were Todd Gibbs, Carlton Phillips, Dennis Larsen, Julio Morales, Pastor Don Niedringhaus, Brian Nelson, Jennifer Nelson, Randy Monahan, Mary Ellen Nielsen, Patti Baker, Debra Lively, Susan Mattison, DorRayne Nelson, and Renee Miller. Pallbearers were Mike Hladky, Norman Nielsen, Larry Larsen, Tom Moran, Travis Moran and Randy Eitreim. Interment was at Rosehill Cemetery, Viborg.

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January 16, 2003