

HJELM, Donovan D.

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Donovan D. Hjelm

Donovan D. Hjelm was born April 26, 1932 at Viborg. His parents were William and Sylvia (Sorensen) Hjelm.

He graduated from Viborg High School in 1950 and then attended Nettleton College. He worked for the Council Oak Grocery stores and then owned the Food Basket Grocery in Viborg. He married Loretta Hofman on July 27, 1954 in Viborg. Donovan drove a milk truck for 32 years for Farmers Dairy of Freeman, which later became AMPI. He retired in 1995. He enjoyed antiques and old cars, and liked to fish and visit with friends. His special joy was playing with his grandsons.

Donovan passed away on June 22, 2001 at McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. He had attained the age of 69.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Donovan is survived by his wife Loretta of Viborg; two sons Donnie and wife Jocelyn of Yankton, and Darin and wife Laura of Viborg; three grandsons Jared, Jordan and Dylan; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at Bethany Lutheran Church, Viborg with Pastor Mindy Ehrke officiating. Karen Freier was the organist and special music was by Alan, Gary and Ethel Ward.

Pallbearers were Troy Lee, Travis Lee, Steve Gratzfeld, Doug Stanage, David Christensen, and David Rudd. Honorary Pallbearers were Sonny Miller, Harvey Wollman, Wayne Sorensen, Jim Bjornebo, Glenmore Sorensen and Ed Gratzfeld.

Interment was at Spring Valley Lutheran Cemetery, Viborg.