

Remembering the Life....

Darrell Bennett Samuelson was born August 14, 1940 to Bennett and Ethel (Rogers) Samuelson in Erhard, Minnesota. At a young age, Darrell moved with his family to Oakland, CA where his father worked in the shipyard during WWII. They moved back to Erhard at the end of the war. He attended school District #278 and Pelican Rapids High School. Starting at a very young age, he worked with his father at the Hiway Garage in Erhard washing parts, tearing motors apart and helping rebuild and repair cars and farm machinery. On June 30, 1962, he was united in marriage to Mavis Stephenson at North Immanuel Lutheran Church, rural Pelican Rapids. The couple made their home in Fargo briefly before moving to Fergus Falls. They were blessed with three children. He was employed with Engabretson Brothers and Gerald Evenson Trucking, both of Pelican Rapids and William Lemke of Fergus Falls. In the early '60s he began his over the road trucking career which took him from coast to coast and Canada. Soon after, he purchased his first truck and began his own business, Samuelson Trucking. He was leased to International Transport, Golden Ring Trucking and numerous other companies over the years. Later in life, he was employed by Kurt Myron and Stadum Plumbing and Gravel.

Darrell had many passions, one of them being auto racing. He was one of the board members responsible for the re-opening of West Central Speedway (Wee Town). He also participated in the races by owning and maintaining numerous race cars over the years. Many hours of fun and friendship were had at the Samuelson Shop. He attended numerous NASCAR races and enjoyed watching them on TV. Darrell was never found having a dirty vehicle or an unkept yard. You would often find him on his lawn mower most days in the summer and fall.

On Tuesday, December 22, 2015, Darrell passed away at his residence under the care of his family and Lakeland Hospice, Fergus Falls, Minnesota at the age of 75 years.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Mavis; daughter, Stephanie Grandalen (John) Biggs of Wahpeton, ND; sons, Steven Samuelson and Scott (Becky) Samuelson both of Fergus Falls; six grandchildren, Morgan and Sawyer Bertelsen, Ashlyn Hess, Gabe and Kennedy Samuelson and Kailey Grandalen; sisters-in-law, Debbie Samuelson and Sandra Drechsel; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Sheldon and Larry; sister, Sandra Klovstad; brother-in-law, Robert Klovstad; granddaughter, Reegan Samuelson; and several other family members and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Lakeland Hospice or the Cancer Center.

Blessed be the Memory of Darrell Samuelson



Appreciation

Darrell's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship at the VFW following the service.

Arrangements by

Glende-Nilson Funeral Home ~ Fergus Falls
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Celebrating the Life of



Darrell "Sam" Samuelson

August 14, 1940 ~ December 22, 2015

In Loving Memory Of

Darrell Samuelson

August 14, 1940 ~ December 22, 2015

Funeral Service

Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 11:00 AM
Glende-Nilson Funeral Home
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Reverend Craig Palach, Officiant
Gerry Drechsel, Organist

God saw that he was getting tired,
And a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around him
And whispered "Come with Me."
In tears eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly,
We could not make him stay.
A heart of gold has stopped beating;
Hardworking hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Opening Scripture Verse

Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

Invocation and Psalm The Twenty-Third Psalm

P: The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul.

P: He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer

Hymn

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3 ~ John 11

Apostles' Creed

Funeral Message

Reverend Craig Palach

Solo

"The Lord's Prayer"

Jessica Cieniawski

Benediction

Solo

"Lead Me Home"

Jamey Johnson

Honorary Urnbearers

Ashlyn Hess ~ Kailey Grandalen ~ Kennedi Samuelson ~ Keith Kolle

Urbearers

Morgan Bertelsen ~ Sawyer Bertelsen ~ Gabe Samuelson
Jeff Rosin ~ Lee Nelson ~ Arlen Nelson