



*For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*John 3:16 (KJV)*

In Loving Memory of

## KALMER ERICKSON

Born – February 9, 1919 at 32-10-16-3, SK  
Passed Away – September 14, 2018 at Swift Current, SK

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 1:30 pm  
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Swift Current, SK

**Officiating** – Rev. Linda Hall

**Organist** – Sharon Lang

**Scripture Reading** – Joanne Erickson

**Hymns** – "How Great Thou Art"  
and "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**Special Music** – Conrad Sandberg

**Eulogy** – Terry Erickson

**Words of Remembrance** – Kay Smandych

**Ushers** – Keith Bratvold and Everett Peterson

### **Pallbearers**

Jason Shoults, Cory Smandych, Nels Erickson,  
David Weiseth, Garth Morstad, and Randy Currence

### **Honorary Pallbearers** – Grandchildren

Lenae DeSimone, Shawn Smandych, Jason Shoults,  
Cory Smandych, Nels Erickson, and Kirsten Erickson

**Interment** – Private Family Inurnment will be held  
at a later date at the Simmie Cemetery, Simmie, SK

**Luncheon** – Immediately following the service  
in the lower auditorium

**Donations** – St. Olaf Memorial Fund  
and Gideons International

**Arrangements** – Swift Current Funeral Home

Kalmer Erickson, age 99, of Swift Current, SK formerly of Simmie, SK passed away on Friday, September 14, 2018 at Cypress House, Swift Current. Kalmer Julian Erickson was born February 9, 1919 to Knut & Judith Erickson, the first of three sons, on the family farm located south of Simmie. Along with his brothers, Arnold and Milton, he attended Early school, which was adjacent to the farmhouse. In February 1943, Kalmer joined the Canadian Armed Forces and served in World War II. He was stationed at various locations in Western Canada. Among his many duties, he was a part of the Polar Bear Force, a trek which went from Williams Lake, BC to Bella Coola, BC.

On October 10, 1944, he married Clara Ellen Imsland from the Vesper area. After his discharge from the military in 1946, they settled on the Erickson homestead, where they farmed until 1988 when they retired to Swift Current. Besides farming, Kalmer was a telephone lineman for 31 years for the Scotsguard Rural Telephone Co. He served on the board and a number of committees of the Simmie Credit Union for 25 years, was the secretary-treasurer for the Scotsguard Grazing Coop for 26 years, and spent nine years as a crop adjuster for the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance. Kalmer was also involved with the Simmie Coop and was an Early School Trustee. He held a number of positions with the Simmie Lutheran Church, St. Olaf Lutheran Church, and the Simmie Lutheran Bible Camp over the years.

Kalmer was a faithful and involved member of the Simmie Lutheran Church and later St. Olaf Lutheran Church. His faith was an important part of his life, which centered around his family, his church, and his community. He loved to help people and was always fixing things and helping out where needed. His life spanned the early days of homestead farming, the Depression, World War II — from a young family man to retirement, and the age of computers. He embraced these changes and did what needed to be done. Kalmer lived a long, full life and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Kalmer was predeceased by his wife, Clara Ellen, of 67 years; his son, Kevin; his grandson, Dean; his brothers, Arnold (Jackie) and Milton (Ina); and by his sister-in-law, Christina. Kalmer is survived by his children, Sharon, Kay, Terry (Marilyn), and Joanne (Gilles); his grandchildren, Lenae (Steve); Shawn (Rod), Jason (Sherry), Cory (Shelley); Nels (Sohhee) and Kirsten (Nadime); his great-grandchildren, Avary, Bryn, Matthew (Angela), Mikhail (Aly), and Oliver; his great-great-grandchildren, Charlie and Eddie; his brother-in-law, Albert; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

