

Remembering the life of....

Donald Mergner, 80 of Arthur, North Dakota passed away on October 20, 2017 at Mayfair Gardens in Mesa, Arizona.

Don and his twin brother, Duane, were born June 16, 1937 in Hunter, North Dakota to Ed and Myrtle Mergner. Don went to Tonn Country School until the schools' closure and then transferred to Arthur. He attended Wahpeton College and graduated with a mechanical degree. Don and Duane started farming with their Dad before they entered into High School. He was then drafted into the Army. Returning home, he received his pilot's license and along with farming, became a crop duster.

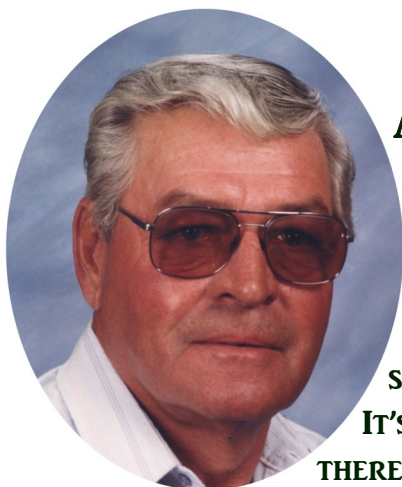
Don married Marge Iwen-Hoeft on February 2, 1990 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Casselton. Don and Marge moved into Don's grandparents homestead. They spent winters in Mesa, Arizona, travelling back and forth from Mesa to farm country. In 2015, Don's Alzheimer's made it impossible to travel.

Don is survived by his wife Marge; 2 stepsons: Kris Hoeft (Kathy), & Kevin Hoeft (Katrina); grandchildren: Josah and Susanna Hoeft; three sisters: Elaine Hansen, Fargo N.D., Lucille Matthey, Sergeant Bluffs, IA., and Marian Watson, Chandler, AZ; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by, his parents: Ed and Myrtle Mergner; his twin brother: Duane and a sister: Lois Meyers.



PEACEFUL REFLECTIONS



A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS

THERE IS A PLACE I'VE
NEVER SEEN BEYOND THIS
WORLD WE KNOW, A PLACE
I'VE ONLY HEARD OF BUT
SOMEDAY HOPE TO GO -

IT'S NOT ON ANY MAP,

THERE ARE NO ROADS TO

TAKE ME THERE, BUT IT'S A PLACE OF PERFECT
PEACE WHERE HEARTS ARE FREE FROM CARE.

AND THOUGH I UNDERSTAND SOME MAY BE
SADDENED WHEN I LEAVE, ONE DAY, WE ALL
MEET AGAIN- THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE...

WHEN IT'S TIME TO TRAVEL THERE, I THINK I'LL
WEAR A SMILE, I'LL SAY GOOD-BYE TO THOSE I LOVE,
BUT ONLY FOR A WHILE, KNOWING THERE ARE
OTHERS WHO HAVE TRAVELED THERE ALONE,
WHO CANNOT WAIT TO GREET ME AND TO WHISPER
"WELCOME HOME."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DONALD MERGNER



CELEBRATION OF LIFE
West Funeral Home Chapel

Casselton, North Dakota

Friday, October 27, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.

PRESIDER

Fr. James Ermer

MUSIC

"The Old Rugged Cross" & "How Great Thou Art"

PALLBEARERS

Mike Schroeder Tim McPherson Keith Johnson
David Johnson Dylan Johnson Joe Stahl

INTERMENT

Arthur Cemetery

Arthur, ND

MILITARY RITES

Dokken Schroeder American Legion Post #223, Erie, ND
ND Military Funeral Honors Team - Army

*The family wishes to express their appreciation for your
kindness and support during this difficult time. Please
join them for fellowship at Kelly's Café in Arthur
immediately following the committal service.*

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