Charles Gene Ulven was born October 6, 1931 to Julius and Elva (Smith) Ulven in Lindahl Township, Rural Tioga, North Dakota. He was baptized at Lindahl Lutheran Church and was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church. He attended Lindahl, Lommis and Wolla schools through the eighth grade, and received his Public School Diploma in 1947. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1951 and served as a fireman during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1954.

In 1956 he married Ginger Hinton in Michigan. The couple made their home in that area where he found work as a mechanic. The couple had two children. They divorced in 1961.

In 1972 he married Judith Wilson. The couple had two children. They divorced in 1974 he moved to the family farm south of Tioga.

On March 20, 1980 Charles married Barbara Ament in Williston, North Dakota. The couple made their home on the farm south of Tioga.

Charles worked for 22 years at the Tioga Machine Shop; he retired in 1996. The couple enjoyed travelling a bit to see family. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church. Charles was also a member of a local bowling league, the Tioga Gun Club, The VFW, Masonic Lodge and was a lifetime member of the American Legion. He enjoyed woodworking and camping, hunting and fishing along lake Sacajawea. He was known by his CB handle "Short Snort".

Charles is survived by his wife, Barbara of Tioga; sons, David (Joanne) Ulven of Tioga, ND and Duane and Charlie Ulven both of Michigan; daughter, Elva Ulven of Michigan; stepsons, Leon (Trish) Johnson of Fargo, ND and Thomas (Shelia) Johnson of Rhame, ND; stepdaughters, Louisa Johnson (Mark Olson) of Minot, ND and Evonne Johnson (Bob Roth) of Tower City, ND; 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; brother, Guy (Dawn) Ulven of Michigan; and sisters, Ardella (Laverne) Kerbaugh of Tioga, ND and Kathryn (Roger) Henrikson of Rapid City, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Marvin, David and Alvern; and nephew, Steven Ulven. In Memory Of Charles G. Ulven October 6, 1931 - May 20, 2014

God took the strength of a mountain the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arms of night...

the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight, the joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family's need...

then God combined these qualities, and when there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so He called it---DAD!

In Memory Of Charles G. Ulven

Date And Place Of Birth
October 6, 1931Date And Place of Death
May 20, 2014Rural Tioga, North DakotaRural Tioga, North Dakota

Funeral Service 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 24, 2014 Zion Lutheran Church Tioga, North Dakota

Officiating Pastor Richard Carr & Pastor Rodger Olson

Musicians Brenda Kutter ~ Accompanist Rodger & Helene Olson ~ Vocalists

Casketbearers Steve Fretland, George Miller, Steve Eide, Ronnie Kerbaugh, Ronnie Brilz, Bob Anderson, Neil Olson & Cliff Keever

Honorary Casketbearers All of Charles' Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren Military Honors Tioga American Legion Post #139 North Dakota Veteran's Honor Guard Interment Lindahl Cemetery Rural Tioga, North Dakota



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