

*Celebrating* THE *Life* OF  
**Calvin J. Solem**

**Born to Carl & Thilda Solem**

May 14, 1925 ~ Wildrose, North Dakota

**Returned To His Heavenly Father**

May 1, 2017 ~ Williston, North Dakota

**Celebration of Life**

2:30 pm, Saturday, May 6, 2017

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Williston, North Dakota

**Officiating**

Pastor David Maxfield

**Eulogist**

Ron Wright

**Music**

Pat Lund ~ Organist

Linda Clemes ~ Vocalist

"Grandpa Tell Me" & "This Is My Fathers World"

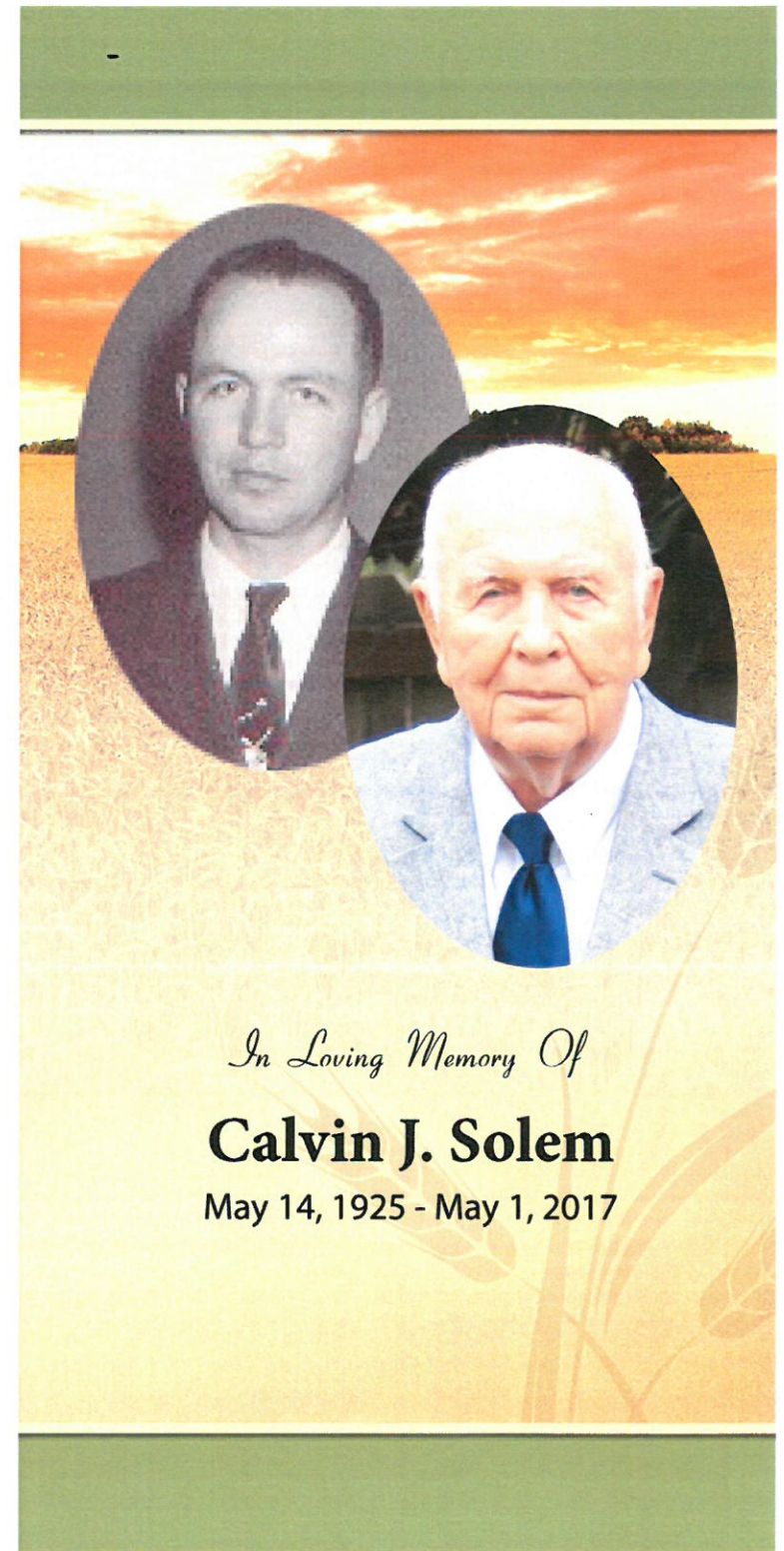
**Honorary Pallbearers**

All of Calvins Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

**Inurnment**

Corinth Cemetery ~ Corinth, North Dakota

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home of Williston  
has been entrusted with arrangements





Calvin Jerome Solem was born May 14, 1925 to Carl Theodore and Thilda Amelia (Osmundson) Solem in Wildrose, North Dakota. Calvin was raised by his father and grandmother, Julia Solem after his mother died in childbirth when he was four years old. He attended school in Corinth through 8th grade. Calvin was baptized and confirmed at the Corinth Lutheran Church. Calvin was very adventurous and hitchhiked to Seattle to visit his aunt and uncle for a few weeks when he was sixteen years old. He worked for a railroad in South Dakota, returned to Seattle when he was 17 to work in the shipyards, and later worked for Porter Brothers in Minot before returning back to the farm.

On December 8, 1948 Calvin married the love of his life, Betty Jane Myhre in Minot, ND. They lived in California for a short time until moving to the farm at Corinth and starting a family. Calvin's father lived with them until passing away in 1970. Calvin harvested his last crop when he was 75 years old; he and Betty then moved to Williston to be closer to his kids and grandkids. In 2012, they moved to The Briarwood. Calvin was a member of the Corinth Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran in Wildrose, attended Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Williston; the Farmers Union; a Lifetime Moose member and was the Assessor of Big Stone Township for many years.

Calvin was dedicated to his family and spent many hours traveling to many activities to support his children and grandchildren. He especially loved their sporting events. His hobbies included woodworking, jigsaw puzzles, gardening, watching the Minnesota Twins, listening and singing to music and shopping at WalMart with Calle and Menards with Jill on Saturday mornings. He was very tech savvy – he loved using his computer, the iPhone and watching Netflix. He also became a pretty good cook after Betty passed and you could count on soup on Wednesdays and even lutefisk once in awhile. His favorite things to do were telling stories about the past and making visits to the farm.

Calvin is survived by sons: Jay (Jan), Williston; Todd (Pam), Corinth; George (Betty's brother's son who they adopted and raised), Butte, MT. Daughters: Caren Barnett (Larry), Minot; Calle Meyer (Champ), Williston; Tilli Miller (Jeff), Fargo; and Jill Haagenson (Lloyd), Williston. Grandchildren: Reiss Barnett (Keylee), Jory Meyer (Melissa), Amber Kramer (Kevin), Jon Solem (Sydney), Josh Solem (Kayla), Jayci Solem, Mellisa Haugen, Jenna Haugen (Michael Clark), Clay Solem, Cole Solem, Molly Haagenson, Noah Haagenson, Brandon Solem (Tia), Levi Solem, and Dillon Solem. Great-Grandchildren: Savannah, Keller, and Elliot Hertz Barnett; Jaxon and Shelby Meyer; Breklynn and Khloe Solem; Halli Clark; Valda and Eylu Solem. Brothers-in-law: Keith Thomte and Darrell Pigue; along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother and infant sister, his wife, and grandson, Eric Barnett.



## In Loving Memory Dad

He never looked for praises  
He was never one to boast  
He just went on quietly working  
For the ones he loved the most.

His dreams were seldom spoken  
His wants were very few  
And most of the time his worries  
Went unspoken too.

He was there....A firm foundation  
Through all our storms of life  
A sturdy hand to hold on to  
In times of stress and strife.

A true friend we could turn to  
When times were good or bad  
One of our greatest blessings  
The man that we called "Dad".

