

In Loving Memory

Norman Merlin Anderson was born in Princeton, Minnesota on May 22, 1929, to Andrew Anderson and Inez (George) Anderson. Norman was baptized and confirmed at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, rural Santiago. He grew up helping on the farm and drove horses for fieldwork starting at a very young age.

After graduating from Princeton High School, Norman went with a friend to find work on farms in southwest Minnesota. He heard that Conrad Mauland, a farmer near Cottonwood, needed a hired man – that is how he first met Beulah.

Draft notices were being sent out at that time and Norman decided to enlist in the Air Force. After basic training he was stationed in Tampa, Florida. While home on leave Norman married Beulah Mauland on January 10, 1953. They returned to Tampa and a few days later Norman received orders to be transferred to Shemya in the Aleutian Islands. He spent the next year there while Beulah stayed in Cottonwood. Norman and Beulah then moved to Circleville, OH, where he completed his Air Force service. He was also an active member of the Cottonwood American Legion.

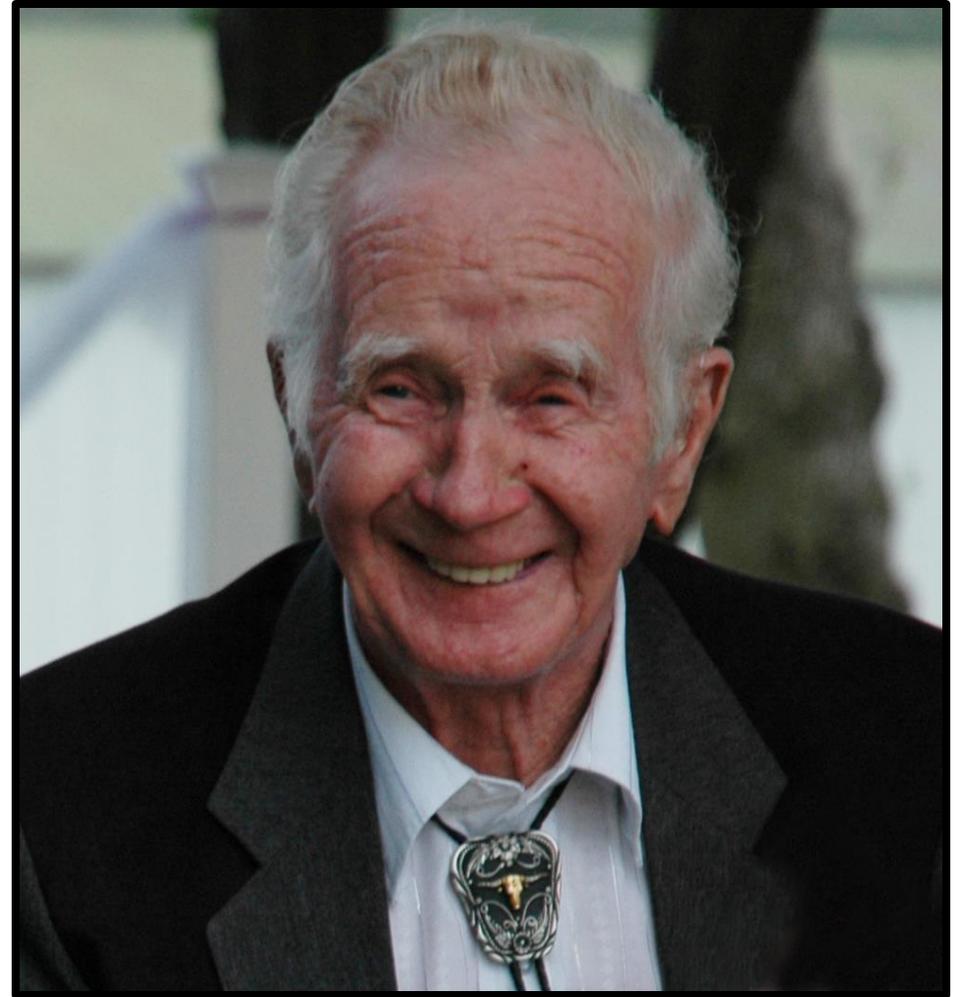
Norman and Beulah returned to the family farm and Norman farmed or helped with the farming until last fall. They raised five children and many different animals on the farm. Norman called himself a “gentleman farmer” after all the animals were gone and he only raised grain. He saw farming go from horse-drawn equipment to tractors with GPS so they almost drove themselves. Norman also loved spending time with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He gave a lot of tractor and combine rides.

Norman and Beulah enjoyed traveling the US and other parts of the world. They spent 20 winters in Arizona. In 2009 they moved from the farm to a home in Cottonwood. Norman moved to Heritage Pointe in Marshall in December 2022.

Norman remained very active throughout his life. He enjoyed golfing and was able to waterski until he was 78. He loved to start a conversation with anyone that he met. He collected and restored old tractors, driving them and his 1929 Model A in parades. He also enjoyed collecting scale model tractors.

Norman is survived by his five children; Wesley Anderson, Tijeras, NM, Teresa (Robert) Hoff of Wood Lake, Dennis (Cindy) Anderson of Cottonwood, Loren Anderson of Cottonwood, and Lorinda (Randy) Holland of DeSmet, SD; six grandchildren; Angela (Brian) Nyp, Kristen Gray, Ariana (Adam) Jungemann, Isaac (Kala) Anderson, Andrew Holland, and Lane Holland; thirteen great-grandchildren; Tyler, Sydney, Ryleigh, Wyatt, Pyper and Kylan Nyp, Aden, Gavin, Mason and Morgan Gray, Boden and Rowen Anderson, and Adler Jungemann; brothers Jordan (Violet) Anderson, Richard Anderson, and Arlen Anderson; brother-in-law Arnold Bongart; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beulah, his parents and sister, Marvel Bongart.

When he was no longer able to get into his tractors, his work here was done – he was ready to go to his beloved wife of almost 70 years.



Norman Merlin Anderson

1929 ~ 2023



So God Made a Farmer...

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

A time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

A time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to tear, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time for war, and a time for peace.

~Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



In Memory of

Norman Merlin Anderson

May 22, 1929



June 13, 2023

Funeral Service

St. Lucas Lutheran Church

Rural Cottonwood, Normania Township, MN

Saturday, June 17th, 2023

11 AM

Officiant

Vicar Mort Meyenburg

Pianist

Connie Pehrson

Casketbearers

Isaac Anderson

Andrew Holland

Lane Holland

Aden Gray

Wyatt Nyp

Adam Jungemann

Honorary Casketbearers

All of Norman's other grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Military Honors

Cottonwood American Legion Post 503

United States Air Force Honor Guard

Interment

St. Lucas Lutheran Cemetery

Rural Cottonwood, Normania Township, MN

