



Lonnie T. Martinmaas, 58, of Orient, passed away Sunday, July 31, 2016 at the Faulkton Area Medical Center. He may have gone home to be with the Lord, but was a hero, saving the life of his brother, Rick.

On December 18, 1957, William and Wanelda (Miller) Martinmaas welcomed Leon Thomas into the family at Faulkton. Over the years he has become known to many as: Lonnie, Lon, Sweet Lou, or Big Lou. He attended school in St. Liborius, where he was active in football, and basketball, graduating in 1976. He went on to Southern State Vocational School in Springfield, SD, receiving his degree in diesel mechanics.

Lonnie returned to the farm, devoting all of himself and time to the cattle he loved. He was the president of Martinmaas Dairy Inc. and Martinmaas Realty Inc.

To know Lon was to love Lon. He worked hard and he played hard. Everyone knew him for his great one-liners and him always making time to visit. Lon was every niece and nephew's favorite uncle. His kind, gentle ways won over every child's heart. Lon loved all sports in his younger years. In recent days you might find him shooting a game of pool, tossing a few bean bags or throwing a game of darts, and of course hunting with his good friends.

Lon was a die-hard "Jets" and "Mets" fan. He truly was that person who cheered for the underdog. Lon was a selfless man, who would give the shirt off his back to help anyone. With saddened hearts, the family says good-bye to their gentle giant. They will miss his smile and infectious laugh. Sweet Lou, "you're the best!"

Lonnie's life will be remembered by his father, William Martinmaas, Orient; his siblings: Ray (Becky) Martinmaas, Orient, Randy (Jan) Martinmaas, Orient, Sandy (Larry) Aesoph, Highmore, Kathy (Gary) Remmers, Orient, Paulette (Charlie) Appelhof, Kranzburg, Rick (Patty) Martinmaas, Orient, Lori (Mike) Kalkman, Miranda, Julie (Rod) Spartz, Kranzburg, Mike (Laura) Martinmaas, Orient, Mary Lynn (Tom) Lesselyoung, Redfield, Brad (Shelly) Martinmaas, Orient; his godparents, Tom Loomer and Cele Loomer and his nieces and nephews.

He will be welcomed into heaven by his loving mother, Wanelda Martinmaas; sister-in-law, Janet Martinmaas; nieces: Patricia Kalkman, Kelly Aesoph and Wanelda "Little Nel" Aesoph; one nephew, Jason Aesoph; and one great nephew, Alex Christensen.

In Loving Memory of

# Lonnie Martinmaas

December 18, 1957  
Faulkton, South Dakota

July 31, 2016  
Faulkton, South Dakota

**WAKE SERVICE:** 7:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7, 2016  
St. Liborius Catholic Church ~ Polo, South Dakota

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:** 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 8, 2016  
St. Liborius Catholic Church ~ Polo, South Dakota

**CONCELEBRANTS:** Fr. Christopher Hughes,  
Fr. Tom Clement, Fr. Chester Murtha

**LECTORS:** Tori Maakestad and Shannon Decker

**OFFERTORY:** "Godchildren" Joni Martinmaas, Oliver Aesoph,  
Brandi Overskei, Cody Martinmaas, the Late Kelly Aesoph

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Austin Appelhof,  
Weston Remmers, Jackson Remmers

**PLACING OF THE PALL:** "Sisters"  
Sandy Aesoph, Kathy Remmers, Paulette Appelhof,  
Lori Kalkman, Julie Spartz, Mary Lesselyoung

**CASKET BEARERS:** Ray Martinmaas,  
Randy Martinmaas, Mike Martinmaas, Brad Martinmaas,  
Tyson Martinmaas, Bill Martinmaas

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:** All Nieces and Nephews

**USHERS:** Eric Martinmaas and Jon Aesoph

**ORGANIST:** JoAnn Schaefer

**VOCALIST:** Trixie Schlechter

**HYMNS:** "Amazing Grace" "On Eagle's Wings"  
"Come to Me" "How Great Thou Art"

**INTERMENT:** Mount Calvary Cemetery ~ Polo, South Dakota



A limb has fallen  
from the family tree.

I keep hearing  
a voice that says,  
"Grieve not for me."

Remember the best times,  
the laughter, the song.

The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
Until the day comes we're together again.



**In Loving Memory**

**Lonnie  
Martinmaas**

**1957 - 2016**



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