



In Loving Memory

Loren Toennies

1927 - 2016

Loren Elmer Toennies was born at home on August 8, 1927 to Walter and Lillian (Bowers) Toennies. He grew up on the family farm and attended school in Cresbard, graduating in 1945.

On June 11, 1950, Loren was united in marriage to Lucille Spanier. They made their home one mile south of the “home place”; raising kids, crops and livestock.

He was a longtime member of the Cresbard United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Men, served as a Sunday school teacher, was a 60+ year member of the AF & AM Masonic Lodge, was past master and noble grand of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Cresbard and Faulkton, belonged to the National Farmers Organization, and served on the Township board, the FHA Board and the Wecota Cenex Board.

Loren will be dearly held in the hearts of his family and friends for his love of farm life, tilling the earth, bringing in the harvest, and tending to his herds and flocks. He had a God-given gift of conversation, and particularly enjoyed talking about farming.

Loren’s memory will be cherished by his wife of 66 years, Lucille of Cresbard; sons: Gerald (Judy) and Gene (Sylvia Salwei) of Cresbard and Mark (Kelly) of Faulkton; daughter, Lorie (David) Miller of Sioux Falls; 19 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; sister, Gladys Gjernes of Chelsea; sisters-in-law, Judy V. Toennies of Cresbard and Arlene (Leon) Smith of Northville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was welcomed into his eternal home by his parents; mother and father-in-law: Henry and Gladys Spanier; son, Dean Toennies; granddaughter, Amy Toennies; great grandson, Everett Kallas; brother, Merlvin Toennies; and brother-in-law, Joie Gjernes.

The Farmer's Creed

We believe a person's greatest possession is their dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

We believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

We believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a person can spend their days on this earth.

We believe that by our toil we are giving more to the world than we are taking from it, an honor that does not come to all people.

We believe when persons grow old and sum up their days, they should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life they have lived.

We believe in farming
because it makes all this possible.

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Loren Elmer Toennies

August 8, 1927
Rural Cresbard, South Dakota

September 17, 2016
Faulkton, South Dakota

PRAYER SERVICE: 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2016
Luce Funeral Home - Faulkton, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE: 10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 22, 2016
United Methodist Church - Cresbard, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: Pastor David Birkeland

USHERS: Dennis Holm and Steven Gebhard

CASKETBEARERS: "GRANDSONS" Brett Toennies, Travis Wetzler, Justin W. Toennies, Joshua Schumacher, Tyler Toennies, Matt Toennies, Michael Miller, Justin M. Toennies, Trevor Toennies

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS: "GRANDDAUGHTERS" Stacie & Joel Wiedebush, Amanda & Jeremy Rawden, Sarah & Shawn Jensen, April & Mike Sorensen, Amber & Ryan Carda, Heather & Adam Smith, Ashlee & Chad Haselhorst, Samantha & Nick Kallas, Nichole & Jay Masur, Darla Kotrba & Jason Whitlow, Jenifer Toennies, Claire Wetzler, Jamie Toennies, Kendra Selby, Sidney Toennies, Ashley Toennies, Emily Miller, Lacey Toennies, All of Loren's Great Grandchildren, Nieces, and Nephews

ORGANIST: Lorene Veatch

VOCALIST: Peter Frank - "Live Like You Were Dying" "Daddy's Hands"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS: "Old Rugged Cross" "How Great Thou Art"

INTERMENT: Cresbard Cemetery - Cresbard, South Dakota

Arrangements by: Luce Funeral Home, Faulkton, South Dakota, www.familyfuneralhome.net