

Warren E. Porter, 87, of Highmore, passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at his home.

Warren Eugene Porter was born September 11, 1923 southeast of Alva, Oklahoma in Woods County to Lloyd and Gertrude (Graham) Porter.

Warren grew up south of Hopeton, Oklahoma and attended a one room school, graduating from Horace Mann High School in Alva, Oklahoma in 1941. In February of 1943 he entered the Army Air Corps and received his discharge in February of 1946. The following September, he began teaching school in Oklahoma. In 1949, he moved to South Dakota where he continued teaching, beginning in country schools and ending up in the public school in Highmore. His favorite grades and subjects to teach were 5th and 6th grade science and math. He received his BA degree from Dakota Wesleyan University. In 2010 on Veteran's Day, Warren took part in the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Warren was united in marriage to Meta Knittel on April 16, 1950. To this union two children were born: Katherine and Stephen. Meta preceded him in death on March 4, 1999.

While Warren was teaching, Meta was doing the farming. They worked hard together to build up their farming operation. After 20 years of teaching, Warren quit to devote more of his time to farming. For a few years, the whole family went down south to do some custom harvesting before their own crops were ready to harvest. His favorite job to do on the farm was combining. We are sure that it is harvest time in heaven now.

Warren thoroughly enjoyed being with his three grandsons and having them around. He was also very proud to have been a part of the original board of directors for Mid-Dakota for 17 years, beginning December of 1988 and ending his involvement in December of 2005. Warren was also a member of the Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Grateful to have shared in his life was his daughter, Katherine (David) Hieb and grandsons Kyle, Kurt, Kade of Highmore; son, Stephen (Teri) Porter of Highmore; sister, Patricia (George) Conder of Alva, Oklahoma; brother-in-law, Alfred (Joyce) Knittel of Huntsville, Alabama; sister-in-law, Gertrude (Elwood) Hirsch of Forks, Washington; first cousins: Robert (Shirley) Porter of Natchez, Louisiana, Molly (David) Porter-Pruski of San Antonio, Texas, Phyllis Goss of Pratt, Kansas; and second cousin: Bill (Fern) Porter of Spearman, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Meta.

Arrangements Entrusted To



Highmore, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

In Loving Memory



Warren E. Porter

1923 - 2011



**TO THOSE I LOVE AND
THOSE WHO LOVE ME**

When I am gone,
release me, let me go,
I have many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself
to me with tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must;
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a time that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart you will hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you come this way alone....
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"WELCOME HOME"

In Loving Memory of

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September 11, 1923
Alva, Oklahoma

July 20, 2011
Highmore, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m., Monday, July 25, 2011
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Highmore, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor David Peterson

CASKETBEARERS

Kyle Hieb	Kurt Hieb	Kade Hieb
David Hieb	Joey Melton	Taff Hughes

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Patricia Conder	Stephen Porter	Alfred Knittel
Babe Tislau	Jay Dalton	Louie Liebeg
	John Bawdon	

GUESTBOOK

Frankie Rinehart

FLOWERBEARERS

Nancy Kutz Jacque McDonnell

USHERS

Roger Wurtz Jon Jessen

ORGANIST

Katherine Hieb

MUSICIANS

Roger Day Robert Bawdon
"Softly and Tenderly" – "How Great Thou Art"
"One More Day" – "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

INTERMENT

Highmore Cemetery
Highmore, South Dakota
Full Military Honors