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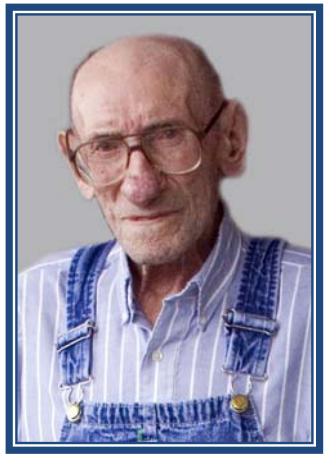
God's Farm

God needs someone in heaven
To plow and plant the rows
And when He calls on me,
I know that I must go.
Remember that I won't be gone,
I will just be away,
Working on God's farm
'till we're united again one day.
There will be no storms in heaven
And the fields are long and straight.
When it's time for you to join me,
I'll be waiting inside heaven's gate.
Remember until the day arrives,
When once more our lives we'll share,
To look in the green fields growing
And you'll see me working there.

Theophil Kost, 93, of Miller, passed away Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Miller Good Samaritan Center.



Theophil was born June 6, 1916 in Olivet, South Dakota to Phillip and Barbara (Gramm) Kost. The family later moved to a farm south of Ree Heights. Theophil attended grade school in Ree Heights.

On June 24, 1939, he married Elsie Christman in Mitchell, South Dakota. To this union, one daughter, Judy Mae, was born. In 1940's, Theophil began hauling grain and cattle for his brother Richard before eventually owning his own truck line. He did this for most of his life. In 1950, Theophil and his brother Edwin purchased a farm north of Miller. Theophil and his family lived on the farm until 1969 when they moved into Miller to run the Bottle Stop Liquor. They ran the store for a couple of years before returning to the farm. Theophil also worked for area farmers during planting and harvesting. As a side job and entertainment, Theophil and Richard would go to farm sales to sell watermelons.

Elsie passed away in 1982. Theophil then met and married Bernice Olson in 1983 and they later made their home in Huron. In 2006, Bernice passed away, Theophil returned to Miller in 2007 where he resided at the Miller Manor before entering the Miller Good Samaritan Center in 2009.

Theophil enjoyed fishing, hunting, dancing, socializing and gardening. In his later years, he enjoyed trips to the Aesoph farm to look at the new machinery, cattle and farm land. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Miller.

He is survived by one daughter, Judy Mae (Joe) Thiel of Miller; two granddaughters: Staci (Mike) Aesoph of rural Highmore and Holli (Chip) Doss of Chandler, AZ; five great grandsons: Andrew Aesoph, Joseph Aesoph, Nathan Aesoph, Oliver Aesoph and Austin Auch; three step children: Dorothy Evenson of Willow Lake, Ron (Sue) Olson of Mitchell, and Janice (Curt) Asleason of Wisconsin; and several step grandchildren, step great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Theophil was preceded in death by his parents; two wives; three sisters; and four brothers.

In Loving Memory

Theophil Ruben Kost

June 6, 1916
Olivet, South Dakota

May 28, 2010
Miller, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 2, 2010
Trinity Lutheran Church
Miller, South Dakota

OFFICIATING

Pastor Bob Ohnstad

CASKETBEARERS

Andrew Aesoph – Joseph Aesoph – Nathan Aesoph
Oliver Aesoph – Mike Aesoph – Austin Auch

ORGANIST

Janice Kost

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"
"How Great Thou Art"
"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

INTERMENT

G.A.R. Cemetery
Miller, South Dakota