



Donald Theodore Holmstedt

August 24, 1932 - May 24, 2020

Donald Theodore Holmstedt, 87, of Central City, died Sunday, May 24 at home, surrounded by loved ones. A private funeral and burial is planned at Zion Lutheran Church in Worms, NE.

Memorials can be sent to Zion Lutheran Church in Worms. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Donald was born in Nance County, August 24, 1932, to George Holmstedt and Alice Cunningham Holmstedt of Fullerton, Nebraska. His early years were spent on farms in Nance County, where he attended the rural schools. In 1943, the family moved to a farm near Central City, and he continued his education in Central City, where he graduated high school in 1949.

In 1951 he joined the Marines and went on active duty in September of 1952. He was on the National Marine Rifle team and was commended for excellence in rifle marksmanship. He served until September 1954.

After his Marine service, Don returned to the family farm, where along with farming, he shelled corn and did commercial trucking. In 1958 he was joined in marriage to Dorothy Rief of rural Hall County, Nebraska. From this union, four children were born. Mrs. Holmstedt died in a car accident in 1969.

In 1970 he married Bonita Royle, nee Holm, of Grand Island, Nebraska. Her two sons, Michael and Gregory, joined the family, and two additional children, Robert and Rebecca were born.

Don farmed near Central City for 64 years. He is survived by his widow, eight children and 32 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; and sister, Judy Willoughby.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Bonnie, Greg, Larry, Becky, Bob. What a guy. That describes Don for me. His gentle way and smile will be what I remember when I think of him. He was easy to visit with and always interested in what was going on with us. He loved you all so much and was very proud of the people you are. You are a wonderful legacy for him. Our sincere sympathy to you all as you celebrate a life well lived.

Kevin and Linda Green - May 27, 2020 at 11:10 AM

MB

“ Dear Bonnie, Greg, and Sandy, and family, It was with a heavy heart to hear Pastor announce Sunday at church that Don had passed away. It was always such a joy to see him at church and visit with him. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!! Because Christ lives so does Don! And so will we!! May the love and beautiful memories that you shared with Don burn warm within your hearts. You are in my prayers!!



Marilyn Bader - May 27, 2020 at 09:15 AM

JB

“ Always had good visits with Do. Maybe at the theater or Two Chi. He liked to reminisce about limestone by. Bonnie we send our love and keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Jim and Janet Boulton

Janet Boulton - May 26, 2020 at 10:43 PM

DM

“ Don's Family,

i got to know Don working at Baxter's Ag-Land (John Deere), he was a very caring and giving man, a man of his word. He always would visit with me anywhere i would see him.

*The world lost a good man and heaven has gained another Angel
Deb Meyer*

DEB MEYER - May 26, 2020 at 02:37 PM

DM

“ DEB MEYER lit a candle in memory of
Donald Theodore Holmstedt



DEB MEYER - May 26, 2020 at 02:27 PM