

## The Life of Raymond Alberts



Services for Raymond Alberts, 94, of Groton will be 11 a.m., Monday, August 10, 2015 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Raymond died Thursday, August 06, 2015 at Avera St. Lukes, Hospital, Aberdeen.

Raymond was born on December 27, 1920 in Groton to George and Alma (Yelkin) Alberts. He attended grade school in Putney and later graduated from Groton High School. Ray and his brother traveled to San Francisco, California, where they lived and worked for several years. Ray returned home to South Dakota and began his lifelong career in farming. He farmed in partnership with his brothers, Kenneth and George for many years. Raymond was united in marriage with Eunice Hein on March 4, 1962 at Zion Lutheran Church in Andover. Together they were blessed with two daughters. Following his retirement, the couple moved into Groton.

Raymond was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton. He enjoyed his work on the farm, and had a love for the outdoors. In later years, he began repairing and refinishing woodwork and furniture pieces. He collected antiques and could often be found at local auction sales.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Eunice of Groton, his daughters, Karen (Scott) Phillips of Colton, SD; Diane (Dean) Heimann of Omaha, NE, his grandchildren: Patrick Phillips, Kevin Phillips, Emily Heimann, Nathaniel Heimann, Raymond Phillips, his brother, George (Doris) Alberts of Groton, sisters, Lusena Manning of Aberdeen, Mavis (Julius) Kirschenman of Aberdeen, his sister-in-law, Arliss Alberts of Aberdeen and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three brothers, Kenneth, Jess, Clarence and his sister, Leona. Honorary Casketbearers will be Emery Sippel, Harry Pharis, Gary Sumption, Gerald Osterman, Herman Lier, Wayne Hein and Ka Alberts.

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