

October 1, 2005

## **Obit: Bernard L. "Bernie" Elsen**

- Funeral service for Bernard L. "Bernie" Elsen, 81, of Aberdeen formerly Hecla was held Tuesday, September 27, 2005 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. Pastor Marcia Sylvester officiated. Burial was at the Hecla Cemetery, Hecla, SD. Schriver's Memorial Mortuary & Crematory, Aberdeen was in charge of arrangements.
- Bernard died Friday, September 23, 2005 at the Bethesda Home of Aberdeen. Bernard L. Elsen was born May 6, 1924 to Emil and Ella (Stolle) Elsen on the family farm near Hecla, SD where he was raised and graduated from Hecla High School in 1942. He worked on the family farm for several years.
- Bernard married LaVon M. Bugner July 14, 1950 at Aberdeen. They continued to make Hecla their home and farmed in the Hecla area for many years. Bernard was also a substitute Mail Carrier for 32 years and was a full time mail carrier for 3 years until retiring in 1989. They moved to Aberdeen in May of 2004.
- Bernard loved the outdoors and working in his gardens. He also enjoyed traveling and visiting with people.
- Surviving Bernard are his wife LaVon of Aberdeen, three sisters, Marie Willey of Ellendale, ND, Mavis Howland of Hecla and Marvel (Keith) Larson of Aberdeen, two brothers, Marvin Elsen and Merlyn (Gladys) Elsen both of Hecla, one sister-in-law, Betty Elsen of hecla and many nieces and nephews.
- Bernard was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, William. Pallbearers were Ronnie Elsen, Paul Larson, Rick Willey, Bill Stolle, Doug Smit and Tim Howland.