

Orville Helmer

Orville Helmer, 73, Andover, died Tuesday, April 30, at his residence. His funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, at Zion Lutheran Church, Andover, with the Rev. Lloyd Redhage officiating. Burial will follow in the Andover City Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Military rites will be conducted by the Andover American Legion Post #258.

Visitation will be today (Friday) from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the service on Saturday. A prayer service will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the chapel.

Orville Lincoln Helmer was born in Webster on February 12, 1929, to Henry and Mable (Wilmsen) Helmer. He attended and graduated from Andover High School in 1947. Orville was drafted into the United States Army and spent one year in Korea. Following his discharge, he returned home to farm. He married Ilene Wellman on July 27, 1968, and they made their home in Andover.

Orville was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Andover, and the Andover American Legion Post #258.

He enjoyed being with his grandchildren, going to stock car races and running a tractor.

Survivors include his wife of Andover; two sons, Matt (Val) Helmer and Loren (Alicia) Helmer, both of Andover; a daughter, Nancy (Chuck) Berry, Cottage Grove, Minn.; four grandchildren; three brothers, Richard Helmer, Andover; Donald Helmer, Cibolo, Texas; and Norman Helmer, Gilbert, Ariz.; four sisters, Dorothy Sundermeyer, Andover; Beatrice Tobin, Aberdeen; Barbara Guthmiller, Sioux Falls; and Joyce Skiles, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and many nieces and nephews.

Casketbearers will be his nephews, Jon Helmer, Craig Helmer, Rick Tobin, Scott Tobin, Daryl Sundermeyer and Kevin Wellman.