

July 5, 2006

Obit: Clarence Nelson



- Clarence B. Nelson, 94, Aberdeen, died Monday, July 3, 2006 at the Aberdeen Living Center.
- Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 am Thursday, July 6, Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Tanya Rist officiating. Burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Military Rites by Sidney L. Smith American Legion Post #24.
- Visitation at Miller Huebl Funeral Home, 1111 South Main Street, Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and at the church on

one prior to the service.

- Clarence Bernard Nelson was born to Albert and Thora [Hanson] Nelson at rural Warner, SD on October 3, 1911. He attended school at Warner and Aberdeen. In his youth he was a member of the 4-H Club and won a trip to the International Livestock Show in Chicago in 1927. In 1928 was an alternate delegate to Washington, DC. He was President of the South Dakota 4-H Club in 1929. He then attended Northern State University for one year. He helped on his father's farm and performed various other jobs until joining the Civilian Conservation Corps in January of 1934 and served until July of 1935. In 1936-37 he operated a cream station in Warner. On October 28, 1940 he enlisted in the U.S. Army at Ft. Snelling, MN. He served in Ft. Snelling; Camp Butler, North Carolina; Camp Fannin, Texas; and Greenland. He was honorably discharged in November of 1944 at Tyler, Texas. On September 24, 1944 he married Margaret M. Stefan at Tyler, TX. They returned to Aberdeen where Clarence worked for the C.M. St. Paul & Milwaukee Railroad for 30 plus years with his retirement in 1975. Margaret died October 19, 1990 and Clarence became a resident of the Aberdeen Living Center on March 27, 1998.
- He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Brotherhood of Railroad Employees, and Sidney L. Smith American Legion Post #24 of Aberdeen for 60 years. He was a past member of Aberdeen Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #590, Kiwanis, and Sons of Norway.
- Survivors include two sons: Gordon [Dorene] Nelson of Groton and Marvin [Karen] Nelson of Watertown; one brother: Howard Nelson of Mansfield; one sister: Dorothy [Leon] Schwab of Aberdeen; three grandchildren: Carmel Willett, Corey Nelson, and Nichole Pieske; five great-grandchildren: Christopher Willett, Nicholas Willett, Hope Nelson, Isaac Nelson and Ava Pieske; three step-grandchildren: John Schaeffer, Jackie Schaeffer, and Tina Sheets; seven step-great-grandchildren: Kylie Schaeffer, Lexi Schaeffer, Ella Schaeffer, Tyler Schaeffer, Tanner Sheets, Jade Sheets, and Russell Sheets.
- He was preceded in death by his parents, wife: Margaret Nelson, one brother: Amos Nelson, one sister: Doris Nelson; one step-granddaughter: Katherine Schaeffer and one great granddaughter: GraceAnne Nelson.
- Casketbearers will be Glen Sheets, Carl Ryberg, Corey Nelson, Gary Willett, Nicholas Willett and Gary Warne.