

January 2, 2005

## Obit: William T. Sundermeyer

- William "Bill" T. Sundermeyer, 86, Andover, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004 at Beverly Healthcare, Groton.
- His funeral will be 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 3, 2005, at Zion Lutheran Church, Andover, with the Rev. Lloyd Redhage officiating. Burial will be in the Andover Cemetery, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be held at the funeral chapel, 4 - 8 p.m., Sunday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue prior to services Monday.
- William Theodore Sundermeyer was born October 27, 1918 to Henry Kasper and Elizabeth Marie (Mefs) Sundermeyer, Andover.



He was baptized November 17, 1918 and confirmed December 8, 1935 at Zion Lutheran Church, Andover. He finished through the 8th grade in seven years at Bluebird No. 162 country school, south of Andover. A few years later, he attended Andover High school, graduating after three years in 1937. While in high school, he played the violin and gave lessons. After graduation, He worked as a clerk during the winter months at Raines Drug, Andover, then Butz Drug, Aberdeen, and later at Knudsen Drug, Bristol, while working on the family farm with his father, southwest of Andover.

- He married Dorothy Jeanette Helmer, May 5, 1945 at Zion Lutheran Church, Andover. They lived on the family farm, and his parents moved to Andover. Bill, with the help of a few friends, built a new home in 1957, and the old one was sold and moved to Groton. While the land was in CRP, Bill owned and operated a Gambles Store in Andover, 1960-1965. He worked as an electrician for Erdmann Electric, Groton, 1965-1970. He went back to farming and continued his electrician's license for several years. In 1973, their oldest son, Daryl, joined them on the farm. Bill retired from farming in 1984, and they moved to a rural Conde home, and Daryl and his family moved into the house. Bill and Dorothy moved into Andover in 1991.
- He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Andover, of which one of the founders was his maternal grandfather, Albert Mefs. He liked doing crossword puzzles, and with his knowledge of Latin, he was proficient at them. Other special interests were carpentry and classical music.
- He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, Andover; three sons, Daryl (Kathy) Sundermeyer, Andover; William R. Sundermeyer, Andover, and Gary Sundermeyer, Aberdeen; one daughter, Sharon Sundermeyer, Webster; three grandchildren, Marc Sundermeyer, Montrose; Michele (Dale) Kramer, Groton, and Marisa Sundermeyer, Andover, and two great granddaughters, Gabrielle and Ava Kramer, Groton.
- He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Florence (Pete) Dauwen.
- Sheryl Keup and Jane Kroll will be organist and pianist. Ushers will be Matt Helmer and Loren Helmer. Casketbearers will be Gary Voss, Orville Dauwen, Don Pigors, Carroll Clocksene, Scott Tobin and Rick Tobin.