



Harold LeRoy Hipple

April 10, 2014

Harold LeRoy Hipple

age 82, passed away Thursday, April 10, 2014, with his family around him. Harold was born to Ralph Edgar Hipple and Marguerite Fern (Dodds) Hipple on November 4, 1931, in Ortonville, Minnesota. He attended country schools through the eighth grade and graduated from the Ortonville High School in 1949. Harold was confirmed at the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church. When the small church merged with the First Methodist Church of Ortonville, Harold transferred his membership there, where he was a faithful member serving as head usher for more than 20 years. After graduation, Harold worked for the Benson Egg Produce Company; various farmers in the Pleasant Valley area and also for a short time in Minneapolis. He was drafted into the army in August 1956, and honorably discharged in August 1958. While in the army, Harold received a special commendation as a sharp shooter and a commendation from his superior officer for his skills as a heavy equipment operator. Following his discharge, Harold farmed with his dad for one year before taking over the family farm operation. He retired from farming in 1989, but continued living on the farm until November 2010 when he and Janet moved to Bloomington, Minnesota to be closer to their children. It was at the First United Methodist Church in Ortonville where Harold met his future bride, Janet Milbrandt. The couple was married on October 11, 1963 and recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Harold is survived by his wife, Janet of Hopkins; his three children, Jennifer Hipple of Minneapolis, Karen Hipple-Perez of Eden Prairie, and Harry (Crystal) Hipple of Buffalo; one grandchild, Alexa Fern Perez, daughter of Karen, and another grandchild, Baby Hipple coming in June to Harry and Crystal; his brother, Kenneth "Dick" Hipple of Bismark, ND; cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. Harold was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Donald, in WWII; sisters-in-law, Carol Hipple and Marilyn Mielitz; nephew, Basil Hipple; and parents-in-law, Rudolf and Marjorie Milbrandt.

Funeral services will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Ortonville, on Tuesday, April 15 at 2 PM with visitation at 1 PM.

As a farmer who dedicated his livelihood to the planting and harvest season, gifts in memory of Harold L. Hipple are requested to the Big Stone County Food Shelf or Second Harvest Heartland.

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JHipple - April 12, 2014 at 10:56 PM

SY

“ To the family of Harold Hipple, sorry about the lost of your love one. Many have found comfort from the hope that Almighty God has promised for those who are sleeping in death. Please read that promise at Revelation 21:3,4

SY - April 12, 2014 at 06:48 AM

JH

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad, my Gods presence be felt during this difficult time hang on to your memories they will help pull you through. I have fond memories of your Harold over the years during harvest time each fall when he would help my Dad and Bergseth's get the crop out. Jodi (Schellberg) Hormann

Jodi Hormann - April 13, 2014 at 12:16 PM