

Owen C. Thurlow, 96, died on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, New Rockford, ND, where he had lived for approximately two months.

Owen C. “Clint” Thurlow was born August 23, 1920, the 4th of 5 children, in Glenfield Township, ND, to William and Othilda Thurlow. He attended Glenfield and Haven Township schools. He spent 39 months as a radio repairman in the Pacific Theatre in WW II. Upon his return he began farming with his father and brother Clifford southeast of Carrington. In 1950, he met and married Grace Maren Clausen of Hesper, ND; they were married 55 years until Grace’s death in May of 2005.

He was active in the Carrington community, serving many years on the school board, the Haven Township board, and as a Foster County Commissioner. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and served on numerous church boards. He was named NDSU’s Outstanding County Agriculturalist for Foster County in the year 2000.

One of his many interests was designing and building things. In 1972, he built a lake cottage in sections during the winter at his farm and hauled them to Fish Lake (near Pelican Rapids MN) the next spring, where he finished putting the building together. He and Grace thoroughly enjoyed their time at the lake and especially sharing it with their grandchildren.

He retired from farming at age 90.

Owen is survived by his five children, Mary Lake, Fargo, ND; Margaret (Ed) Lipton, Grand Junction, CO; Kathryn Thurlow, Edina, MN; Thomas (Tammi) Thurlow, Carrington, ND; and Jane (Jay) Fasteen, Vancouver, WA; and by four grandchildren, Anika (Nathan) Pillatzke, Rachel (John) Lindstrom, Drew (Kate) Thurlow, and Will Lyons; five great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, in-laws (Soren and Ruth Clausen), three brothers (Lloyd, Richard, and Clifford Thurlow) and one sister (Hazel Nysted), as well as his family through marriage (Hilton Clausen and Earl and Jean Day).



In Memory



A Farmer’s Hands

Hands that are large and tough from years
of rugged outdoor work.
Hands that are versatile, simultaneously wielding an ax
and swiping a fistful of berries from a nearby bush.
Hands that clasp themselves habitually in prayer
giving thanks for food, for rain, for sun,
for late frosts, early springs, good yield,
for soil, for health, for a newborn calf.
Hands that are strong, squeezing out a pail full of milk in
just no time, pulling strands of barbed wire taut,
carrying mountains of hay and oceans of water
to hungry thirsty farm creatures.
Hands that are gentle, marveling out at the softness of a
furry kitten, rescuing a killdeer’s nest from the path of
the plow, patting the shoulder of a disappointed child.
Hands that are inventive, twisting, pounding,
pinching until a machine is fixed, shaping an idea
into something useful.
Hands that are tired from over a half century of tilling,
planting, weeding, harvesting.
Hands that we love - a farmer’s hands.

In Loving Memory Of
Owen “Clint” Thurlow

August 23, 1920 – Glenfield Twp, ND
February 28, 2017 – New Rockford, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE
Thursday, March 9, 2017 – 10:30AM
Trinity Lutheran Church
Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING
Rev. Sara Parnell

SPECIAL MUSIC
Clara Edwardson, Organist
Darwin Solberg, Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS
Drew Thurlow Will Lyons
Joel Thurlow Graham Day
John Lindstrom John Freeman

MILITARY HONORS
ND National Guard Honors Unit

BURIAL
Carrington Cemetery

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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