

Celester Risovi, age 93, of West Fargo, ND, formerly of New Rockford, ND, died Thursday, May 14, 2020, at Lilac Homes Assisted Living Memory Care, Dilworth, MN.

Celester Henry Risovi was born November 14, 1926, in New Rockford, ND, to Marie and Amil Risovi. He grew up in New Rockford and graduated from New Rockford Central High School in 1944.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. After his discharge from military service, Celester attended the North Dakota State School of Science where he studied refrigeration and electrical. On June 30, 1949, Celester was united in marriage to Ellen Carlson at St John's Catholic Church in New Rockford. He worked in a hardware store in New Rockford before beginning a 31-year career in the New Rockford Post Office as a part-time clerk and retiring as postmaster in 1981. Over the years he also worked for G & R Grain as bookkeeper, as janitor at St. James School, in outdoor maintenance at the ASCS office, and finally in maintenance at the 4<sup>th</sup> Corporation.

Celester was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford. He was also a member of the Raymond B. Thorn #30 American Legion Post, the Eagles Club, and the Knights of Columbus. He served on the New Rockford Fire Department for 35 years, including three years as fire chief, and Ambulance Service. Celester was co-founder of what evolved into the Community Ambulance Service and was its first squad leader. Celester was a Life Member of the North Dakota Firemen's Association.

He is survived by one son, Tim (Patty) Risovi of New Rockford; one daughter, Debra Meisch of West Fargo, ND; one daughter-in-law, Janice Risovi of New Rockford, ND; 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Celester was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen; his parents; two sons, David and Lester; grandson, Davin Meisch; son-in-law, Conrad Meisch; two brothers, Ed and Vic; and one sister, Dorothy.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Celester H. Risovi*

*November 14, 1926 - May 14, 2020*

## *Gift of Life*

*God gives us each a gift of life  
To cherish from our birth.  
He gives us friends and those we love  
To share our days on Earth.*

*He watches us with loving care  
And takes us by the hand,  
He blesses us with countless joys  
And guides the lives we've planned.*

*Then, when our work on Earth is done,  
He calls us to His side,  
To live with Him in happiness  
Where peace and love abide.*



In Loving Memory of

## *Celester Henry Risovi*

November 14, 1926 - New Rockford, ND

May 14, 2020 - Dilworth, MN

### **VISITATION**

Monday, May 18, 2020

Evans Funeral Home, New Rockford

### **MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 ~ 11:00AM

St. John's Catholic Church, New Rockford

### **OFFICIATING**

Fr. Reese Weber

### **MUSIC**

Heather Klocke

### **PALLBEARERS**

All of Celester's Family and Close Friends

### **MILITARY HONORS**

Raymond B. Thorn American Legion,

Post #30, New Rockford

United States Air Force Honor Guard Team

### **BURIAL**

St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Rockford, ND

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