

Duane A. Hoffman, 88, died Saturday, May 30, 2020 after a short stay of four days at Ave Maria Village, Jamestown, ND.

Duane Arnold Hoffman was born February 12th, 1932 in Foster County, ND. The son of Samuel and Bertha (Martin) Hoffman of rural Grace City, ND where he grew up working the land and milking cows. Duane attended a country school until 8th grade when he, at the age of 13, began working as a farmhand for a neighbor, Ervin Topp (1945-1952).

On February 28th, 1952 he was drafted into the army during the Korean War. Little did he know the night before his leave to go off to war, he met the beautiful love of his life, Alvena. She gave him her address and made him promise to write to her. He kept that promise, and they corresponded through wartime. On August 23rd, 1953 Duane was ranked as a Sargent in the USAR. After serving one year, nine months and 20 days, he was honorably discharged with a Korean Service Medal, 3 bronze service stars, a United Nations Service Medal, and a National Defense Service Medal; however, if you knew Duane, you wouldn't know of his medals of honor as he did not like to talk about the war.

Duane married Alvena C. Bergstad on June 14th, 1954. Together, they made a home and farmstead for their family west of McHenry, ND. Laboring side-by-side, along with their five children, they worked the land growing crops, making hay, milking cows in the early years, and raising beef cattle. Duane had a strong work ethic that he passed on to his children, but he also knew how to take some time off to teach them to fish, hunt, and trap. He trapped hundreds of foxes and coyotes during the cold North Dakota winters in his lifetime. He and Alvena enjoyed snowmobiling and fishing at his sister, Cora's cabin at Cotton Lake, paddle fishing with his twin sister, Doris, and lots of hunting with family. In later years, he took joy in visits from his children, grandchildren, and his energetic great-grandchildren.

Duane knew OF God, but it wasn't until he was in his 50's that he gave his life to the Lord. He and his wife joined New Life Fellowship church and enjoyed taking many trips to Strawberry Lake Christian Retreat throughout the summers. All the while on his faith journey, he grew into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, his Savior. He enjoyed reading his bible and devotions, listening to his tapes, and praying for his family.

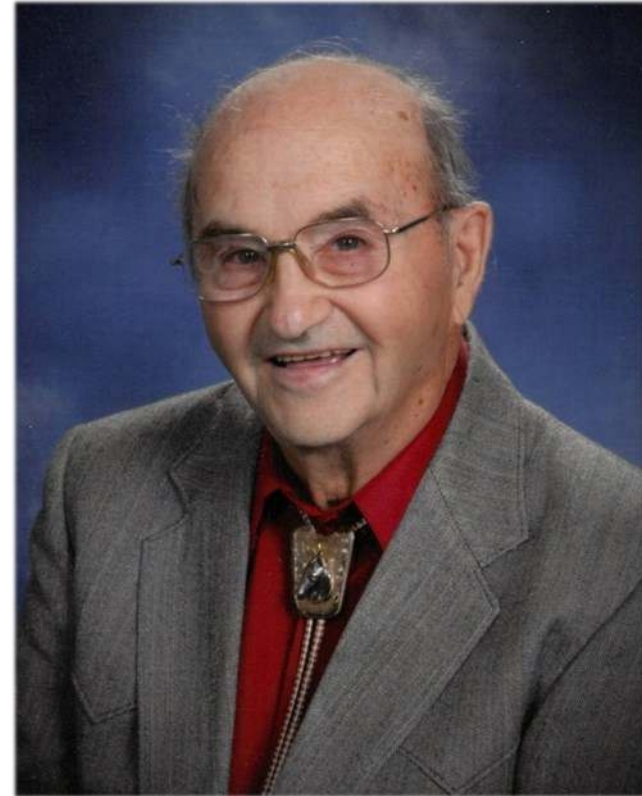
Duane is survived by his five children, Randall Hoffman, Elgin, ND, Marsha (Bob) Boettcher, Warwick, ND, Mark (Deanne) Hoffman, Sutton, ND, Joel (Janelle) Hoffman, McHenry, ND and Sharon (Bobby) Hoyt, McHenry, ND; twelve grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren; one sister, Ora (Cyril) Peterson, Canyon Lake, CA; one brother, Rodney (Cheryl) Hoffman, Hillsboro, ND; and many special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Alvena; two grandsons, Andrew Pedersen & Ryan Pedersen; his parents; his twin sister, Doris (Darrel) Williams; one brother, Ray Hoffman; two sisters, Cora Galt and Gladys Black; one cousin/sister Zola Vlach; one cousin/brother, Marvin Hoffman; and one cousin/brother, George Rotz.

Lord, I believe in you. Help me to have faith to believe in your supernatural power to intercede in any situation today. Amen

In leu of flowers please send memorials to New Life Fellowship Church.

In Loving Memory of



Duane A. Hoffman

February 12, 1932 – May 30, 2020

A Farmer's Hands

Hands that are large and tough from years of rugged outdoor work.

Hands with fingers sensitive to music, but too thick to strike just one key on a piano, or a single string on a violin.

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 pailful 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.

Celebrating The Life Of

Duane A. Hoffman

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May 30, 2020 – Jamestown, ND

VISITATION

Thursday, June 4, 2020 ~ 8:00AM - 5:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, June 5, 2020 ~ 10:30AM
New Life Fellowship Church, rural Tolna, ND

OFFICIATING

Pastor Jeff Kapelle

MUSIC

Congregational Hymns
Amy & Lucas Stangeland ~ *Goodness of God*
Karol Kapelle ~ *Victory In Jesus*
Duet
Joslyn Hoyt & Cassidy Hoyt ~ *You Raise Me Up*

PALLBEARERS

Brad Hoffman ~ Brian Hoffman ~ Nick Hoffman
Preston Hoffman ~ Aaron Ehlers

HONORARY BEARERS

Andrew Pedersen ~ Ryan Pedersen

MILITARY HONORS

North Dakota Military Funeral Honors Team

BURIAL

Bethlehem Cemetery, McHenry, ND

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