

# Melvin Edward Nygaard

*In loving Memory of Melvin...*



Melvin Edward Nygaard was born March 8, 1917 on the Nygaard homestead in Garnet Township, Divide County, north of Alamo, the son of Evan and Maude (Lane) Nygaard. He was raised on the family farm and attended the Garnet Township School through the 8th grade. Melvin helped his father with the operation of the farm.



Melvin married Alma Lerbakken June 4, 1938 in Williston. They lived on the family farm for one year before moving to Wildrose where he worked for the WPA. He rented, and later purchased, land in Garnet Township. He and Pete Nygaard farmed together for a time. Melvin purchased the family homestead from his father in 1943.

While still farming, he and Alma moved into Alamo in 1952 and worked as a part-time policeman. Melvin placed his farming interests in the Soil Bank in 1959 and moved to Grenora where he worked full time as the Police Chief. He retired in 1975. Melvin helped his son-in-law, Don Sundhagen, on his farm. He also helped his sons with their business, Nygaard's Service Center. He and Alma moved to an independent living center in Tioga in the fall of 2008.

Melvin was a member of St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Grenora, and a former member of Opdahl Lutheran Church, rural Alamo, and Alamo Lutheran Church. He was a member of the ND Police Officers Association. Melvin enjoyed bowling, driving around town, enjoying coffee with friends, spending time with his family, and especially, telling jokes.



## DATE OF BIRTH

March 8, 1917  
Rural Alamo, North Dakota

## DATE OF DEATH

June 19, 2009  
Minot, North Dakota

*Ninety-two years, three months, eleven days*

## FUNERAL SERVICE

St. Olaf Lutheran Church  
Grenora, North Dakota  
Wednesday—June 24, 2009—11:00 a.m.

## CLERGY

Reverend James Hamann

## MUSIC

Violin Solo: *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* played by Ty Nygaard  
Solos: *The Old Rugged Cross* and *In the Garden*  
Congregational Hymn: *I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry*  
Dee Brorby—Organist

## HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

Melvin's granddaughters: Rita Deisler; Toni Rimpla, Tammy Nash and Jennifer Nygaard; Niki Brose; Karla Sundhagen and Monica Sundhagen; and Devon Rosenquist

## CASKETBEARERS

Melvin's grandsons: Darcy Nygaard and Kelly Nygaard; Dale Nygaard and Pat Nygaard; Kyle Nygaard, Jared Nygaard and Colin Nygaard; Scott Sundhagen and Tim Sundhagen; and Randy Bittner and Corey Bittner

## INTERMENT

Grenora Cemetery  
Grenora, North Dakota

## FAMILY

Wife of 71 years, Alma Nygaard, Tioga, ND  
Children, Sylvan (Mila) Nygaard, Grenora, ND;  
Melcolm (Ardis) Nygaard, Moorhead, MN; Alton (Cleo) Nygaard, Des Lacs, ND;  
and Yolanda Bittner, Center, ND  
Son-in-Law, Don (Rosie) Sundhagen, Tioga, ND  
19 Grandchildren, 25 Great-Grandchildren and one Great-Great-Granddaughter  
Sister, Hazel Nelson, Crosby, ND  
and several Nieces and Nephews

Melvin was preceded in death by his Parents, Daughter, Pam Sundhagen;  
Son, Kevin; Sons-in-Law, Kevin Rosenquist and Dale Bittner;  
Great-Grandson, Kellyn Brose; Sister, Luella Broe;  
and Brothers-in-Law, Bennie Nelson and Martin Broe

Following the graveside service, all friends and family are invited to gather in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship and refreshment. Please share your memories of Melvin with us and one another. Our family would like to thank all of you for being with us today.