

Mervin Alvin "Alfonso" Torgerson was born to Martin & Anna (Jacobson) Torgerson in his parent's home NW of Lambert, MT on January 22, 1927. He had several adventures as a child-falling from a water tank when he was a toddler, narrowly escaping a charging bull when he was 6, and sneaking into the Lambert elevator as a boy, and accidentally riding the elevator shaft, with a friend, to the top, but they were too light to get back down. When his mother was having surgery, Mervin lived with his Uncle Arnold and Aunt Nellie Torgerson. He attended 1st grade near Fargo, ND. Then he attended Sunnybrook School near Lambert. His father placed him on a horse and pointed it towards the school. Later, he attended school in Lambert while living with the Carter's, at times. Mervin graduated from Lambert High School in 1945.

Going over to the neighbors to borrow a cream can was Mervin's excuse to get a date with the neighbor girl, Ardys Moen. Later, Mervin told his family he was going on vacation to see a friend in Kallispell, meanwhile Ardys snuck off by bus to Miles City. Mervin took a train to Miles City, where the couple eloped. On November 22, 1948, Mervin and Ardys were married in the Old Stone Church by the overpass in downtown Miles City.

Mervin and Ardys, and their first child, lived for a short time with his parents NW of Lambert. They later moved to their first home on the edge of Lambert. While living there, 6 more children were added to their family. Then they moved to "The Radke Place" NE of Lambert, where 4 more children were born. Mervin and Ardys raised 11 children, Mervin taught his kids things like, "If you don't have anything nice to say, say nothing at all!" and "Jesus said, I am not as concerned about what goes into your mouth as what comes out of your mouth." He also led his children to believe that they were the Great-Great-Great Grandchildren of Sitting Bull. Mervin was so convincing, they believed it for a long

time, even though they knew they were 100% Norwegian. Mervin instilled in his kids a strong faith and that "Red, brown, yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight." Yes, he was a man of few words, but taught his kids a lot. There were adventurous times on the farm as well, such as the time Mervin and his son Chris were trying to tag a calf when the cow knocked Mervin over and pinned him down, and he wound up with a broken arm.

Mervin was pretty much blind for the last several years, but no one would even know it, as he chased his kids down to get his "Weed Patch" mowed so he has a walking path to the feed shed and cow tank and he would still take the offering up at church. Mervin was still able to do "his chores" on December 26.

Mervin Passed away on January 7, 2020 at the Sidney Health Center surrounded by his family. On the evening of his passing, the latest member of the Torgerson Clan was born, a girl, Reagan Tescher.

Mervin is survived by his wife of 71 years, Ardys Torgerson, his 11 children, Larry of Sidney, MT, Glenn (Joy) of Billings, MT, Rodney (Cindy) of Sidney, MT, Myron (Julie) of Lambert, MT, Christopher (Susan) Torgerson of Lambert, Marilyn (Bryce) Witt of Sidney, MT, LaVonne (Henry) Snedigar of Great Falls, MT, Connie Mantel of Billings, MT, Cynthia Torgerson, of Fairview, MT, Rhonda (Todd) Thompson of Williston, ND, and Naomi Torgerson (Dave) of Billings, MT, 29 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren, his brother Kenneth (Pat) Torgerson, and in-laws Lola Kemmis, Kenneth (Pat) Moen, Margaret (Don) Ligon, Linda (Lynn) Powers, and Irene Torgerson.

Mervin is preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Anna Torgerson, his brother Burton Torgerson, nieces, Bronwyn Myer and Judy Reiman, brothers-in-law; Orlin Moen, Gilman Moen and Gary Moen, sisters-in-law; Clarice Waller, and Della Kemmis.

In Loving

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MERVIN ALVIN
"ALFONSO"
TORGERSO
JANUARY 22, 1927
JANUARY 7, 2020



MERVIN TORGERSON

BORN TO MARTIN & ANNA TORGERSON
JANUARY 22, 1927~LAMBERT, MONTANA

PASSED AWAY
JANUARY 7, 2020~SIDNEY, MONTANA

SERVICES
10:00AM SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2020
SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
SIDNEY, MONTANA

OFFICIATING
PASTOR DAVID HUSKAMP

MUSIC
JOANNE CHRISTENSEN
REBECCA TORGERSON CHANTEL VERSHOOT
ACCORDIAN: MARY DILLON & VICKIE VAIRA

EULOGY
BRITTA & JAYME TORGERSON

OBITUARY READING
JOY TORGERSON

SCRIPTURE READING
BERET NEWPOWER

CASKETBEARERS
MERVIN'S GRANDSONS
BRENDAN WITT KEEGAN WITT
PETE TORGERSON NICK TORGERSON
JAYME TORGERSON ADRIAN MANTEI
THAD THOMPSON HALSTEN THOMPSON
SETH TORGERSON SHAWN YOUNG
TIM WRIGHT

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS
MERVIN'S GRANDDAUGHTERS
SACHA SPINKS, ALICIA TORGERSON, TRACY
METRICK, JESSICA TORGERSON-LUNDIN,
JENNA BONDURANT-MANTEI, KENDRA MANTEI,
BERET NEWPOWER, BRITTA TORGERSON,
HANNAH THOMPSON, KARMYN CARLSON,
ASHLEY CARLSON, ASHLEY TESCHER,
AMANDA SLADE, REBECCA TORGERSON,
ANNIKA YOUNG, SAM BEAR & JACALYN
WRIGHT

USHERS
BRYCE WITT HENRY SNEDIGAR
TODD THOMPSON DAVE YOUNG

FINAL RESTING PLACE
1:30PM SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2020
LAMBERT CEMETERY~LAMBERT, MONTANA

**LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW THE FUNERAL
SERVICE AT THE CHURCH**

God looked around his garden
And he found an empty place
He then looked down upon his earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills are hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered "Peace be Thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home



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