



Harlis Sem was born July 22, 1931 at home in Mountrail County near Powers Lake, North Dakota. Harlis was the third of four children. He was the third generation to live and farm South of Powers Lake.

Harlis married Dagney Enget on October 25th, 1951 in a double wedding with brother Phalen and Dagney's sister Darlene. Harlis worked in the Tioga oil field until the unexpected death of his father, William in 1961. He took over the family farm. In 1965, a hail storm took his crop. He moved his family to Powers Lake and ran the local restaurant for one year while continuing to farm and milk cows. He loved the farm life. He would say he liked buying angus heifers more than buying a new car. In 1978 he sold his milking cows and worked in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska with his brother, Phalen for 6 years. In 1984, he bought milk cows back and continued to milk for a few more years. In 1986, he sold the milk cows once again and focused on farming and raising angus cattle.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his many friends. Fishing in Canada was always a highlight.

Harlis retired on his 80th birthday, selling his angus cows and buying a winter home in Apache Junction, AZ where he enjoyed the warmer weather with friends.

He is survived by sons, Scott (Tami) Sem, Ambrose, ND; Claude (Pati) Sem, Minot, ND; and Stacey (Brenda) Sem, Thompson, ND and daughter, Sandy (Donny) Leiseth, Williston, ND. Eleven grandchildren, William (Bill) Sem, Tanya Hill, Trisha Werre, Katie Peterson, Kimberly Keller, Kelli Sem, Chelsie Black, Evan Johnson, Megan Aichele, Kaitlyn Ratchenski and Joshua Sem. Sixteen greatgrandchildren along with a number of nieces and nephews.

Harlis was preceded in death by his wife, Dagney; parents, William and Ruth; brothers, Allen and Phalen and sister, Caroline Hermanson.

# IN LOVING MEMORY HARLIS SEM

## **BORN TO WILLIAM & RUTH SEM**

July 22, 1931 ~ Powers Lake, North Dakota

# CALLED HOME TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER

April 16, 2021 ~ Tioga, North Dakota

#### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 AM, Saturday, April 24, 2021 Bethel Baptist Church Powers Lake, North Dakota

#### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Mike Fraunfelter

#### Music

"Wings Of A Dove" ~ "Peace In The Valley"

"Because He Lives"

#### MUSICIANS

Kayo Grubb ~ Vocalist Doug Eckert ~ Vocalist Sandy Huseby ~ Pianist

#### **PALLBEARERS**

Merlyn Sem Bill Sem
Josh Sem Keith Sem
Clay Sem Les Sem
Gordon Hermanson

# **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Bill Throne Alvin Holmen

## FINAL RESTING PLACE

Bethel Baptist Cemetery Powers Lake, North Dakota

#### **ARRANGEMENTS BY**

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home Stanley, North Dakota