

Otto T. Sovig

Born to John & Ella Sovig
February 13, 1933 ~ Arnegard, North Dakota

Called Home to His Heavenly Father
December 14, 2022 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Visitation

Thursday, December 22, 2022 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home Chapel
Williston, North Dakota

Private Funeral Service

Officiating
Pastor Rob Favorite

Pianist
Caroline Schwartz

Pallbearers
Members of the American Legion
Carl E. Rogen Post 29
Watford City, North Dakota

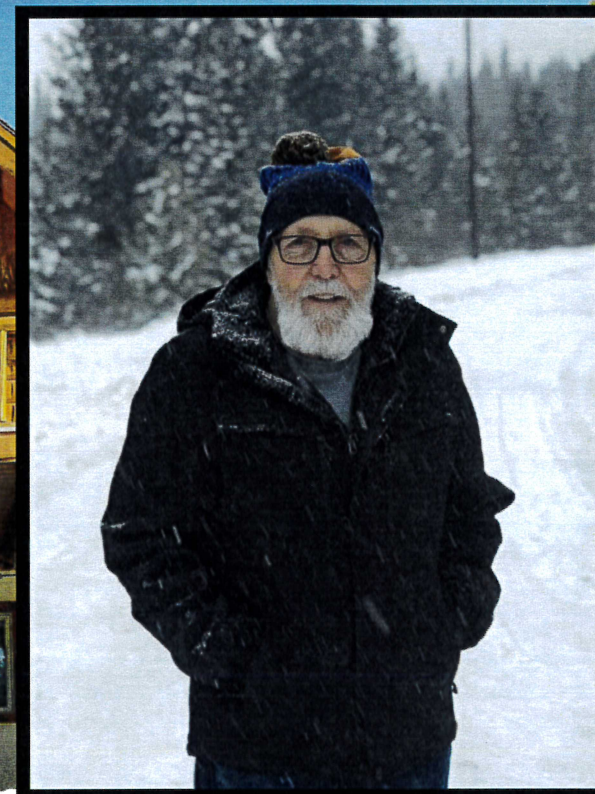
Honorary Pallbearers
Gene Holen Herb Hanna Rodney Anderson
Leon Olson Gary Knutson George Amsden
Steve Broe Dave Reyerson Harry Chapman
Bob Rose & All of Otto's Coffee Buddies

Military Honors
American Legion
Carl E. Rogen Post 29

Private Burial
Hillside Cemetery
Williston, North Dakota

Arrangements By
Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home
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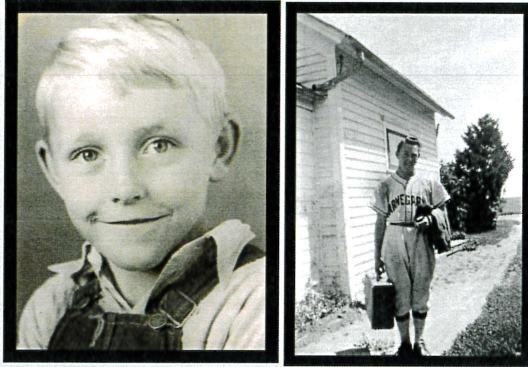
IN *Loving*
MEMORY



Otto Timan Sovig

February 13, 1933

December 14, 2022



...and on the 8th day
God looked down on his
 planned paradise
 & said *"I need a caretaker"*
 so *God* made a
FARMER

Otto Sovig, 89, of Watford City, ND, formerly of Williston, ND passed away peacefully December 14, 2022 with family by his side.

Otto was born February 13th, 1933 on the family farm near Arnegard, ND where he was raised. The youngest of ten children, he made his mark with his winsome mischievous smile and curious nature that captured everyone's heart. He attended school in Arnegard and openly admitted his emphasis was on playing basketball and baseball.

He met the love of his life in his first-grade class and would enjoy her friendship through school and later marry her. Otto served four years in the United States Air Force after high school graduation and then completed his education degree at Minot State Teachers College. He and Arlis Jean Peterson were married on August 19, 1957 until her death on January 20, 1994. They raised three children together in Williston, ND.

Otto was avid about sports both as a participator and spectator. He loved baseball, basketball and downhill skiing best. He continued skiing until he was 80.

He had a servant's heart and was always willing to share his time and talents to help anyone out with a project. For many years he served at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church on the finance board, ushering, and operating the radio booth to broadcast the sermons. Through his life his faith in God did not waver.

Teaching, farming, and building were his passions and he excelled at them all.

Otto taught school in Watford City, Arnegard and then to Williston where he taught Science at the Junior High. Teaching came naturally to him and many students loved his teaching style.

He spent many years farming near Arnegard and it was in his blood to do so. He loved farming. He was a finish carpenter and an incredible builder and it was his joy. There wasn't anything that he could not build. His favorite thing as a kid was receiving a toy so he could take it apart and put it back together.

Working hard was part of who he was and he had many different jobs through the years. Some of the enjoyable ones he often mentioned were as a telegrapher for Great Northern Railway, working with his best friend, Herb Hanna in insurance, and being a landman during the Bakken oil boom.

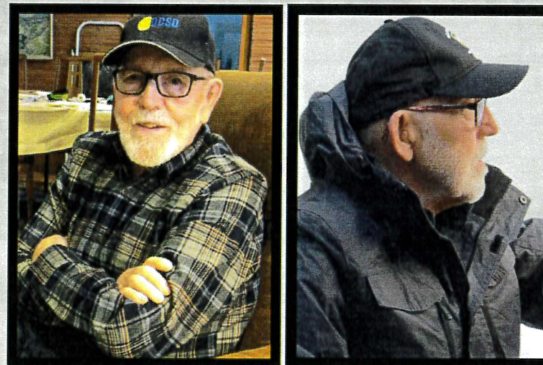
Born to a Norwegian family he enjoyed making lefse, krumkake, and rolla polsa. He was known for his barbequed ribs. One of the important parts of his day was attending his coffee club. It was a routine that meant a lot to him. When he travelled out of Williston he would always be anxious to get back to the coffee guys.

Otto had a brilliant magnetic personality. Anyone who was around him, even if just once, would recognize that he was extraordinary. And he was. He had a fabulous sense of humor and was just simply fun.

He was married to Margret Sipes from 1998 until their divorce in 2020. He had a long journey dealing with dementia spending the last two and a half years in nursing home care in Watford City. He was a favorite of the staff at Good Shepherd Home and they cared for him so well.

For those of us who loved him, we will have deep sorrow but we will find deep joy when we remember this beautiful man and the memories we will keep of him.

Otto is survived by his son, Mark Sovig of Arnegard, ND; daughters, Lisa Zahn of Vancouver, WA, and Karla (Bruce) Zimney of Garrison, ND; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Ella Sovig; wife, Arlis (Peterson) Sovig; daughter-in-law, Nadine (Jepson) Sovig; all of his brothers and sisters and their spouses, Elton Sovig, Clifford (Alice) Sovig, Edwin Sovig, Joel Sovig, Oscar (Anne) Sovig, Henry (Irene) Sovig, Arnold Sovig, Ovedia (Bill) Krivobok and Edith (Lloyd) Sanders.



ONE DAY AT A TIME

ONE DAY AT A TIME WITH ITS FAILURES
 AND TEARS; WITH ITS HURTS AND MISTAKES
 WITH ITS WEAKNESS AND FEARS;
 WITH ITS PORTION OF PAIN AND ITS BURDEN
 OF CARE; ONE DAY AT A TIME WE MUST MEET
 AND MUST BEAR; ONE DAY AT A TIME TO BE
 PATIENT AND STRONG; TO BE CALM UNDER
 TRIAL AND SWEET UNDER WRONG; THEN ITS
 TOILING SHALL PASS AND ITS SORROW SHALL
 CEASE; IT SHALL DARKEN AND DIE AND THE
 NIGHT SHALL BRING PEACE; ONE DAY AT A
 TIME — BUT THE DAY IS SO LONG; AND THE
 HEART IS NOT BRAVE, AND THE SOUL IS NOT
 STRONG; O THOU PITIFUL CHRIST BE THOU
 NEAR ALL THE WAY; GIVE COURAGE AND
 PATIENCE AND STRENGTH FOR THE DAY;
 SWIFT COMETH HIS ANSWER SO CLEAR AND
 SO SWEET; "YEA, I WILL BE WITH THEE THY
 TROUBLES TO MEET; I WILL NOT FORGET THEE
 NOR FAIL THEE, NOR GRIEVE; I WILL NOT
 FORSAKE THEE I WILL NEVER LEAVE"; NOT
 YESTERDAY'S LOAD WE ARE CALLED ON TO
 BEAR; NOR THE MORROW'S UNCERTAIN AND
 SHADOWY CARE; WHY SHOULD WE LOOK
 FORWARD OR BACK WITH DISMAY;
 OUR NEEDS, AS OUR MERCIES ARE BUT FOR
 THE DAY; ONE DAY AT A TIME AND THE DAY IS
 HIS DAY; HE HATH NUMBERED ITS HOURS
 THOUGH THEY HASTE OR DELAY;
 HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT WE WALK NOT
 ALONE; AS THE DAY, SO THE STRENGTH THAT
 HE GIVETH HIS OWN.

BY: IKE BERG
 ND FARMER