

Theodore K. "Ted" Rustad was born on the farm on December 7, 1925 to Sever and Ella Rustad, the second oldest of eight children, and was baptized and confirmed at St. Petri Lutheran Church near Bonetraill. He was raised on the family farm and attended Bonetraill School No. 2. He worked on the farm until 1952, when he joined the National Guard. He was stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

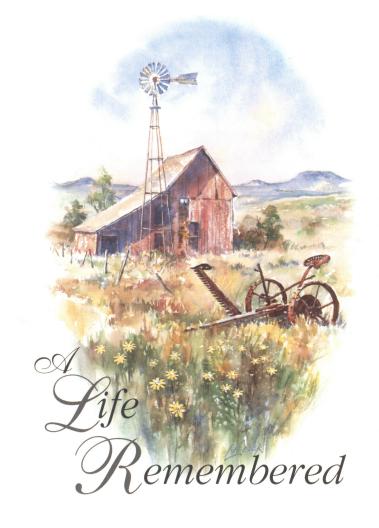
Following his military service he attended school in Fargo, North Dakota where he met Helen Boesch. They were united in marriage on

June 27, 1956 in Davenport, ND. They made their home on a farm in Strandahl Township, Williams County, where they raised wheat, cattle and Arabian horses. In 1962, they moved to the Rustad home farm. Ted began living in Williston beginning in 1979 where he completed his GED and attended classes at UND Williston. He worked for Opportunity Foundation in Williston where he met Beulah Wilson.

Ted and Beulah were united in marriage on December 31, 1994, in Williston. He soon relocated to Russellville, Arkansas with Beulah where he worked for Friendship Community Care, an organization that provides support and services to the developmentally disabled. He and Beulah cared for many disabled people over the years and opened their home to care for two disabled men. Ted spent as many summers as possible in ND where he enjoyed puttering around the farm and spending time with his oldest grandson, Brandon Delvo.

Ted enjoyed antiques, country music and old time hymns, and could play the guitar, accordion and the piano by ear. Through the years he sang many duets with his daughter and sisters. In his lifetime he made two trips to Norway and Denmark to visit extended relatives and over the years continued to correspond with them in Norwegian. He loved animals of all kinds and supported PETA. He also supported Amnesty International, was a life member of the American Legion, and a member of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Viola Paulson, and his first wife, Helen . He is survived by his wife Beulah; children, Michael (Lisa) of Castle Rock; Teresa (John) Delvo of Billings; stepdaughter, Marilyn (James) Alexander of Russellville; and stepson Andy (Tracy) Holt of Williston; grandchildren, Korrie, Leslie, Matthew and Meagan Rustad of Castle Rock; Spc. Brandon Delvo, Balad, Iraq, Samantha and Adam Delvo of Billings; and step-grandchildren, Megan (Aron) Millsaps, Cassy, Jessica, Justin, Daniel, Derrick, Amanda and Dustin of Russellville; and Brittney, Clayton, and Ashley of Williston; step-great-granddaughter, Sydnie Mae Millsaps; brother, Wallace (Marlys) Rustad of Leesburg, VA, and sisters, Jeanne Zell, Aurora, CO, Sylvia Shae, Williston, ND, Delores Lorenz, Spokane, WA, Marlaine (Robert) Slaaen, Dickinson, ND, and Evelyn Heide, Billings, MT, and numerous nieces and nephews.



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God has laid you see. I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void Then fill it with remembered joys. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, O yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief Don't lengthen it now with undue grief, Lift up your hearts and peace to thee-God wanted me now: He set me free....

Author Unknown

You may share your remembrances and condolences with the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website www.fulkersons.com

In Memory Of

Theodore K. "Ted" Rustad

Date And Place of Birth

December 7, 1925 Bonetraill, North Dakota

Date And Place of Death

January 29, 2009 Russellville, Arkansas

Funeral Service

11:00 AM, Saturday, February 7, 2009 Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church Williston, North Dakota

Clergy

Rev. Chris Raiford

Musicians

Sandi Blikre ~ Organist Sharon Beck ~ Vocalist

Casketbearers

Robert Slaaen Nick Pasternak Ron Oster Gordon Strand Andy Holt Floyd Miller

Interment

St. Petri Cemetery Rural Williston, North Dakota