

Clarence was born on April 23, 1925 in Charbonneau, ND, the son of Adolph and Bernice (Pederson) Homstad. The family moved to Fairview in 1927, but the family moved to California for two years in 1933. They returned to Fairview in 1935.

Clarence attended school and graduated from Fairview High School with the class of 1943. In July of that same year he entered the United States Army and was honorably discharged in February 1946. After his discharge, he again returned to Fairview to work for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. He worked for 40 years until his retirement in June 1986.

Clarence married Edna Steffens in Sidney, MT on June 8, 1947. The marriage was blessed with one daughter and one son. Edna died on August 4, 1981.

During his 40 years of employment with MDU, he was very active in community organizations. Clarence served on the City Council as Mayor, Fairview Volunteer Fire Dept. for 25 years and retired as Fire Chief, member of the Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and served as President of the church council. He was a 70 year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers union, a life member of the Sidney Elks Lodge, and had served on the Board of Directors of Richland Homes of Sidney.

His real life long interest was with the American Legion. He was a 69 year member of Richland Post #12, Sidney. During his many years of membership, he served in most of the offices of the Post. He is a Past Post Commander and also a Past District #10 Commander. On the State level, he is a Past Vice Commander and Past Executive Committeeman. He was a member of the state committee of the American Legion Boys State for 20 years, serving as Chairman for one term. He also served on numerous other committees. He was a Delegate to the National American Legion Convention in Hawaii in 1973.

In his spare time, and especially during his retirement years, he enjoyed fishing and hunting locally. His annual fishing trips to Canada, with family and friends, were the most memorable times. Clarence and his family were most appreciative of his special friend Nina Verhasselt, and the many other people from Fairview,

who helped him remain in his home until he entered the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive, MT in March 2014. Clarence is survived by: one daughter Evonne (Harold) Land,

Littleton, CO, one son, Doug (Lillian) Homstad, Bismarck, ND; grandchildren Candace (Sean) Decker, Crownsville, MD, John Sebring, Littleton, CO; great-grandchildren Brittney (Keith) Morrison and Natasha Johnson, Fargo, ND, Hannah and Hayden Sebring, Littleton, CO, and Adam, Isaac, and Maureen Decker, Crownsville, MD.: nephews Jerry Homstad, Pocatello, ID, Ron Steffens, Sidney, MT, Brent Steffens, Sioux Falls, SD; niece Carla Homstad, Stevensville, MT.

Clarence was preceded in death by: his parents Adolph and Bernice; his wife of 34 years, Edna; one granddaughter, Jennifer Homstad; brothers Gerald and Adolph, Jr.

Clarence died on Friday, August 26, 2016 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Clandiva, MT

## Clarence Homstad **1925 ~ 2016**

In Memory Of

## Safely Home

I am home in *Heaven*, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect *joy* and **beauty** In this everlasting light .  $\mathcal{All}$  the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed; I am now at peace forever, Safely home in *Heaven* at last. Did you wonder why I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade? Oh! but **Jesus**' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade. And He came *himself to* meet me In that way so hard to tread; And with Jesus ' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread? Then you *must not grieve* so sorely, For *I lave you* dearly still: Try to look beyound earth's shadows,

*Pray* to trust our Fathers Will

## In Memory Of Clarence Homstad

Date Of BirthApril 23, 1925Charbonneau, N.D.

Glendive, MT.

Date of Death August 26, 2016

Services 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 6, 2016 Zion Lutheran Church Fairview, MT Officiating Pastor Roberta Pierce Music Shauna Bergenheier

> "How Great Thou Art" "Children of the Heavenly Father" "This Little Light of Mine"

Honorary Urnbearers All of Clarence's family and friends Final Resting Place Fairview Cemetery Fairview, N.D.

> Lunch will be served in the church fellowship hall following graveside services

You may share your remembrances, condolences and picutres with the family at www.fulkersons.com





