

GOD saw you were getting tired
 When a cure was not to be.
 He closed his *Arms*
 around you and whispered,
 "Come To Me."
 In tears we saw you sinking,
 we watched you fade away.
 Our *Hearts*
 were almost broken,
 you fought so hard to stay.
 But when we saw you sleeping
 so peacefully, free from pain,
 we should not wish you back to suffer that again.
 So treasure him, Lord, in your garden of rest.
 For here on earth,
He Was The Best.

IN LOVING *Memory* Carmen LeRoy Monsen

Date & Place of Birth
 August 5, 1934 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Date & Place of Death
 December 13, 2016 ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Services
 11:00 am, Saturday, December 17, 2016
 Wilmington Lutheran Church
 Arnegard, North Dakota

Officiating
 Reverend Dan Paulson

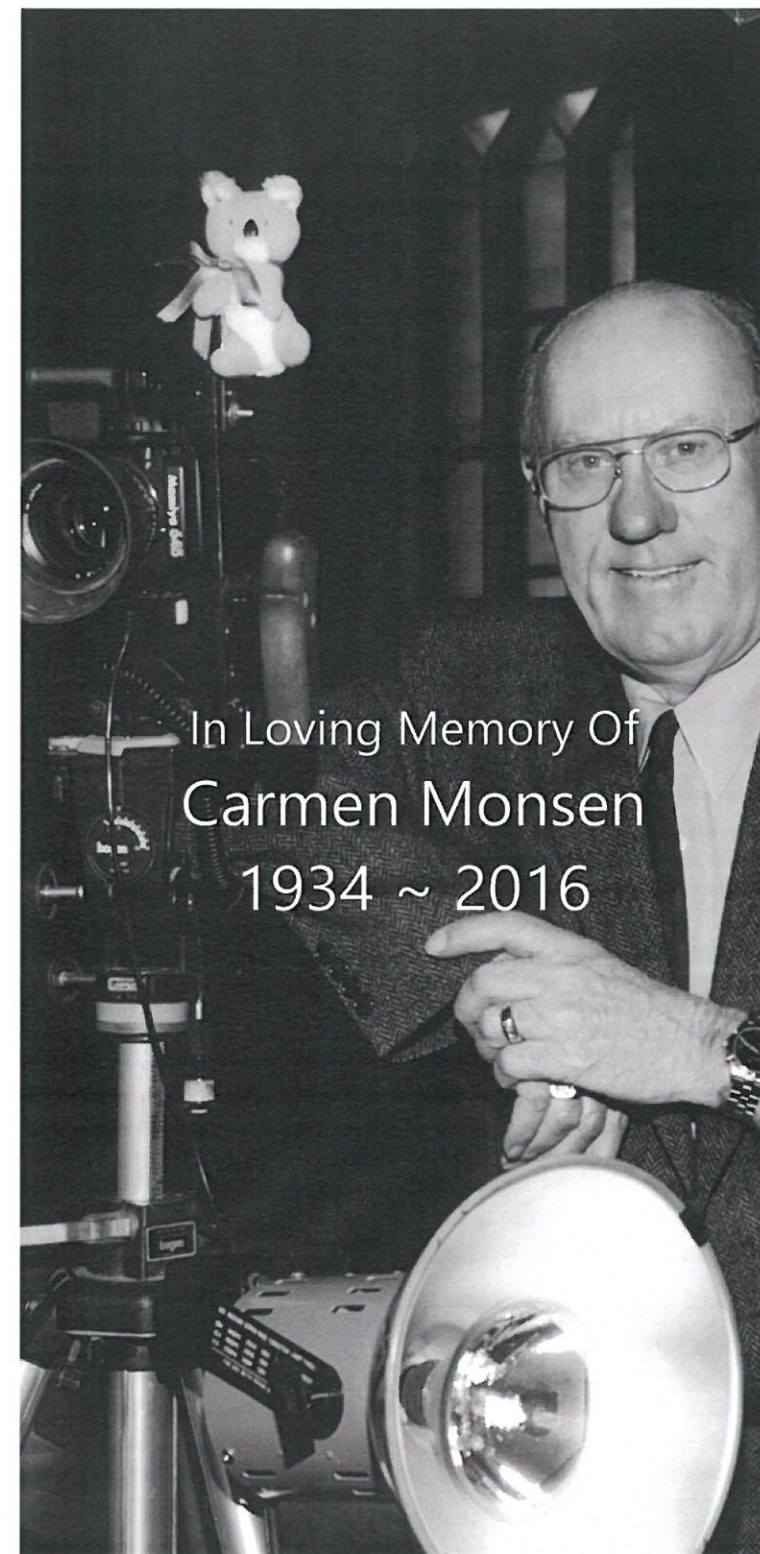
Music
 Gen Bruins ~ Accompanist
 Becky Larsen ~ Vocalist

Pallbearers
 Kimberly Bivens, Shane Monsen, Nicole Monsen
 Troy Monsen, Wendy Fisher, Eric Renbarger
 Kati Drew, Mark Renbarger, Jessica Lathrop
 Sean Boatman, Kori Boatman, Ryan Monsen
 Allison Monsen, Karissa Monsen, Kaylin Monsen

Honorary Pallbearers
 Gordon Gustafson, Hans Evanson, Eugene Hurd

Ushers
 Mark Evanson, Craig Braaten, Kit James

Final Resting Place
 Spring Grove ~ Arnegard, North Dakota
 Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home - Watford City
 has been entrusted with arrangements and services





**Please take this Ribbon
and say a Prayer
for the Prevention and Cure of
Alzheimer's Disease**



Carmen LeRoy Monsen was born August 5th, 1934 to Martin and Irene Monsen in Watford City, North Dakota.

Carmen started his love of farming and hard work at a very young age, graduating salutatorian of his class where he received a college scholarship, but he choose to run the farm. While working on the family farm Carmen ran his own freight delivery business and drove a school bus for 48 years. After retiring in 1999, he continued to lend a helping hand with spring's work, harvest, and fixing the old machinery including restoring his John Deere D.

At the age of 15 Carmen created a dark room for his photography making his own equipment. He turned his hobby of photography into a profession – Photos by Carmen.

Carmen married the love of his life, Lois Stevens on March 7th, 1955 in Arnegard at the Wilmington Lutheran Church and remained united in marriage for 61 years. Together they had four children; Kim, Carmela, Emmy Lou and Clayton.

He had numerous hobbies and enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting, archery, bowling and target shooting/prairie dogs. Our favorite memories as a family are going to the Roosevelt National Park, Lake Sakakawea, Arnegard Dam and Sather Dam.

Carmen had a love of music and listened to all types of music such as The 5th Dimension, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bing Crosby, Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass Band and the list goes on!

Carmen is survived by: his loving wife Lois Monsen; his son Kim and wife Michelle Monsen and their children, Kimberly (John) Bivens, Shane, Nicole, Troy Monsen and Wendy Fisher; his daughter Carmela and husband David Renbarger and their children, Eric Renbarger, Kati (Noah) Drew, Mark Renbarger; his daughter Emmy Lou and husband Wesley Boatman and their children Jessica (Chad) Lathrop, Sean (Sheena) Boatman, Kori Boatman; his son Clayton and wife Vicki Monsen and their children Ryan, Allison, Karissa, and Kaylin Monsen; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carmen is preceded in death by his father Martin Monsen, mother Irene Hasselstom, stepfather's Dr. Harry Winner and Gordon Hasselstom; sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Allen Stedman, sister and brother-in-law Alfa and Olaf Leiseth, and sister Clarice Monsen.

