

Melvin Harry Torgerson, son of the late Sophie and Harry Torgerson, was born on March 2, 1930 in Williston, ND. He grew up in Bainville, MT but did some traveling with his Dad's construction company attending his freshman year of high school in Oklahoma. Melvin graduated from Bainville High School in 1948.

Melvin met the love of his life, his brown eyed beauty, Margaret Halvorson and they were wed on November 10, 1949. Their union was blessed with five children. They made their life in Bainville, MT with Melvin managing the grain elevator and Margaret keeping things running smoothly at home. He, along with a group of investors, eventually purchased the elevator and he continued to run it until he retired. With an almost empty nest, Margaret and Melvin purchased the Tastee Freeze in Culbertson, MT and renamed it M&M's Place. They built and ran this wonderful business, a business known for their smiling faces, hometown feel, exceptional service, and locally famous broasted chicken, until they retired in 2004 and moved to Sidney, MT. This is where they made their home until Margaret's passing in 2006. Melvin continued to reside in Sidney until he moved to Beulah, ND in 2014. He was residing at the Knife River Care Center at the time of his passing on May 21, 2021.

Family, faith, friends, sports, puzzles and cards were a few of the things that fulfilled Melvin's life. Whether it was playing football in his younger years with his cardboard and leather helmet, reffing basketball, attending as many of his kids and grandkids events he could or watching his beloved Vikings on TV, sports were one of his favorite ways to spend his time. Anyone that knew Melvin knew he loved to do puzzles. He was so proud to have a gallery showing at the museum and an article in the newspaper showcasing the talent of "The Puzzler" in 2008. Pinochle and cribbage have been past times his whole life. It wasn't a family get together without cards. He even had running tally's of wins and losses with some family members; one of the many ways he constantly reminded everyone of his stubborn competitiveness stemming from his love for sports. However it wasn't always about

competition with Melvin, some of the best memories of playing cards with him were the witty comments and colorful stories mixed into the card game. Melvin thrived on socialization and could always find someone to listen to his stories of the past. If he wasn't at home, you could find him playing cards at the senior center or socializing with coffee and donuts. The family values that Margaret and Melvin instilled on their children and grandchildren is unmatched. Torgerson family get togethers are always a loud, happy crowd and family always comes first. Faith was Melvin's foundation. He was a very active Catholic in every community he lived: Bainville, Sidney and Beulah.

His beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of his children; Billie Lou (Chris Elder) Giese, Howard (Teri) Torgerson, Brent (Carrie) Torgerson, Brian (Kristy) Torgerson and Doug (Debra) Torgerson; his 11 Grandchildren; 13 Great-Grandchildren; a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, a brother-in-law, and friends.



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**MELVIN H.
TORGERSON**

MARCH 2, 1930 ~ MAY 21, 2021

*WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER
THAT SPECIAL SMILE
THAT CARING HEART
THAT WARM EMBRACE
YOU ALWAYS GAVE US.
YOU BEING THERE.
FOR MOM AND US.
THROUGH GOOD AND BAD TIMES
NO MATTER WHAT.
WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER
YOU DAD BECAUSE
THERE'LL NEVER BE ANYONE
TO REPLACE YOU IN OUR HEARTS.
AND THE LOVE WE WILL ALWAYS
HAVE FOR YOU.*

MELVIN TORGERSON

BORN TO HARRY & SOPHIE TORGERSON
MARCH 2, 1930~WILLISTON, ND

PASSED AWAY
MAY 21, 2021~BEULAH, NORTH DAKOTA

SERVICES
10:00AM FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021
SACRED HEART OF JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
BAINVILLE, MONTANA

OFFICIATING
FATHER ANIETIE "AKAMA" UKANIDE

MUSIC
CARRIE TORGERSON KAYLA TORGERSON
CAMMY HECK

READERS
CHANDRA HANKINS ANDREW TORGERSON

CASKETBEARERS
MONTE GIESE KYLE TORGERSON
BRADY TORGERSON ANDREW TORGERSON
LANE TORGERSON COLE TORGERSON
CADE TORGERSON

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS
ALL OF MELVIN'S GRANDDAUGHTERS &
GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

USHERS
ALAN ROMO CLAY HALVORSON

FINAL RESTING PLACE
BAINVILLE CEMETERY~BAINVILLE, MONTANA
**A GATHERING AT THE BAINVILLE FIRE HALL
WILL FOLLOW THE BURIAL**

MELVIN'S FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A "THANK
YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO SHARED THEIR TIME AND
SPECIAL TALENTS TO HONOR MELVIN'S LIFE.

