

Norman Harold Kostad was born on June 25th, 1931. He was born on the family farm, north of Lignite, North Dakota to Hans Nicoli Kaastad and Clara Mathilda (Fordahl) Kostad. He was the second of six children. He grew up on the farm and attended school until he was in the eighth grade at which time, he had to quit school and obtain employment to support the family because his father had passed away in 1944. He later obtained his GED from UND-Williston.

Norman enlisted in the Navy when he was twenty and a half years old in December 1951. He served in the Navy for four years and was twenty-four years old when he ended his service. He completed his basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois and was later deployed to Japan to serve in the Korean War. He served on the ship, USS King County (LST-857). He started his Navy career as a 3rd Class Engineman and moved up to a 2nd Class Engineman and then 1st Class Engineman during his service. When he came home in 1953, he returned to the family farm and worked. He then moved to Tioga and was employed with Tioga Machine as a machinist.

Norman then met Eleanor Curtiss on June 14th, 1958. They were married on August 27th, 1960, at First Lutheran Church in Columbus, North Dakota. They lived in Tioga until 1962 then moved to Lignite where Norman then worked at the TXL Gas Plant. TXL Gas Plant was later bought by Texaco. On August 1st, 1969, Texaco transferred Norman and family to Watford City. He worked for Texaco at Charlson, North Dakota until he took early retirement in 1992 after working for the company for 31 years. Norman was a commander for the Watford City VFW post for almost 20 years.

Norman and Eleanor had two children. LeAnn Kay who was born in June of 1966 and Todd Norman who was born in April of 1972. In 1973 Norman

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and Eleanor bought property across the street from where they were living in Watford City and began building the house Eleanor still lives in today. They were able to move in February of 1974. A few years later they built another house behind them and sold it.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor Kostad. Daughter LeAnn Carraway (Chris Adams) of Williston, ND, son Todd (Tina) Kostad of Watford City, ND. Grandchildren Casey Ragle (Bob Fuegmann) of Minot, ND. Jordan (Sarah) Peterson of Williston, ND, Kira Kostad (Patrick Dennis) of Watford City, ND, Londen Peterson (Raymond Wetch) of Williston, ND, Angelyn Kostad of Williston, ND, Brindin (Lila) Kostad of Watford City, ND, Skye Carraway of Williston, ND, Jaxson Kostad of Watford City, ND. Great Grandchildren Kynzee and Rhypp Ragle of Minot, ND, Tommy Kostad of Watford City, ND, Hazel Wetch of Williston, ND, and Taron Peterson of Williston, ND. Siblings Hilda (Alden) Johnson of Osakis, MN, Bertha Darras of Minot, ND, and Bruce Kostad of Houston, TX. Numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father Hans Kaastad, mother Clara Kostad, siblings Hans William Kostad and Orvin Kostad.



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Born to Hans & Clara Kostad June 25, 1931~Lignite, North Dakota

Passed Away June 21, 2021~Minot, North Dakota

Funeral Services 2:00PM Saturday, June 26, 2021 First Lutheran Church~Watford City, ND

> Officiating Pastor Paul Balaban **Rob Favorite**

Music Caroline Schwartz

Myron Hovet

Casketbearers Curtis Miller Scott Kostad **Rick Clemes Troy Johnson** 

Charles Curtiss **Bob Fuegmann** 

Ushers David Ceynar Myron Hovet

Military Honors United States Navy Honor Guard American Legion Carl E. Rogan Post #29

Final Resting Place Schafer Cemetery~Watford City, North Dakota

> Luncheon will be served at the church following the burial









For those who Fought for it FREEDOM has a flavor the Protected will never know.

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