

Melvin Earl Messmer was born August 16, 1936 to Reinhold and Mollie (Karst) Messmer in Fairview, MT. He was the second of three children. Melvin grew up and attended school in Fairview, graduating in 1954. He was confirmed at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairview. In 1955, Melvin enlisted in the United States National Guard and served for eight years. While in high school, Melvin began working at East Fairview Service Station where he was employed for 29 years. Melvin then kept busy working for Shannon Oil, driving school bus and delivering mail for the United States Postal Service. Melvin also hauled sugarbeets for farmers for many years.

On October 11, 1958, he was united in marriage to Dee Ann Stuckle in Fairview, MT. Two children were born to this union, a daughter, Leslie in 1959 and a son, Ron in 1961. They had just celebrated their 50th anniversary.

He was a member of the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years and served as Secretary-Treasurer. His '72 Chevy pickup was Melvin's pride and joy. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Melvin died on Monday, February 9, 2009 at the Billings Clinic in Billings, MT after a long battle with cancer.

Melvin is survived by: his wife of 50 years, Dee Ann Messmer of Fairview, MT; his daughter, Leslie (Nolan) Tveit of Fairview, MT; his son, Ron (Carla) Messmer of Sidney, MT; four grandchildren, Brad (Megan) Tveit of Moorhead, MN, Shauna Tveit of Fargo, ND, Haley Messmer of Glasgow, MT and Tierney Messmer of Sidney, MT; one great grandson, Landon Tveit of Moorhead, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reinhold and Mollie Messmer, his sister, Norma Meissel and brother, Dale Messmer.

## In Loving Memory Of



Melvin Messmer

'God saw he was getting tired,  
and a cure was not to be,  
So He put his arms around him  
and whispered, "Come with Me,"  
With tearful eyes, we watched  
him suffer and saw him fade away  
Although we loved him dearly,  
we could not make him stay.  
His golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands to rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.'

# **Melvin Earl Messmer**

## **Born**

*August 16, 1936 Fairview, MT*

## **Died**

*February 9, 2009 Billings, MT*

## **Memorial Service**

*10:00 A.M., Monday, February 16, 2009*

*Zion Lutheran Church*

*Fairview, Montana*

## **Officiating**

*Pastor Cal Oraw*

## **Music**

*Pam Burman Ellen Croy*

## **Honorary Casketbearers**

*All of Melvin's many friends and family*

## **Ushers**

*Virgil Karst Dick Shannon*

## **Interment of Cremains**

*Fairview Cemetery*

*Fairview, North Dakota*

**Lunch will be served in the church  
basement following graveside services**

*You may share your remembrances and condolences with  
the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website  
[www.fulkersons.com](http://www.fulkersons.com)*