

Jerome H. "Jerry" Torstenson was born May, 4, 1943 to Henry and Elva (Anklam) Torstenson in Williston, ND. He was raised on the family farm. He graduated from Watford City High School in 1961.

After graduation Jerry enlisted in the US Army. After basic training, he was sent to Germany where he served as a radar specialist and earned several marksman awards. He was honorably discharged in 1964.

Jerry returned to Watford City in 1965 and worked at Farmers Union for a short time before taking employment with Matador Service, which later became Koch Oil. He was employed as a truck driver, dispatcher, field rep, assistant foreman and district foreman. He and his family lived in Oklahoma, New Jersey, and Utah before returning home to farm in 1976. He also worked for Orrin's Bobcat Service while living in Watford City.

On August 11, 1966 Jerry married Judy Gravos at Wilmington Lutheran Church in Arnegard, North Dakota. From this union two children were born, Jan Renae (Torstenson) Lynch born in Enid Oklahoma, and Jared Ryan Torstenson, born in Williston, North Dakota. The couple divorced in 1984.

While living in Watford City Jerry was an active member of the McKenzie County Energy and Taxation Committee, the Dakota Resource Council, and the Arnegard Lion's Club. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Dickinson, and was a previous member of First Lutheran Church in Watford City.

Jerry had an avid interest in politics and loved a good argument on the subject. He was an active environmentalist long before people were aware of what environmentalism is. He enjoyed fishing and in earlier years loved to garden, play cards and dance. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, always laughing and joking. He loved to brag about his grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughter, Jan (Mike) Lynch of Dickinson, ND; son, Jared (Tanya) Torstenson of Denver, CO; four grandchildren, Brienna Lynch, Macy Lynch, Kade Lynch and Henry Torstenson; mother, Elva Torstenson of New Braunfels, TX; sisters, Lois Holton of Everett, WA, Janice (Arnie) Johnson of Gresham, OR, Kathie (Arvin) Danielson of Solon, IA, and Myrna (Rob Mills) Tiley of Spring Branch, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Torstenson; and nephew Craig Johnson.

## *In Memory Of Jerome H. Torstenson*



*May 4, 1943 ~ January 13, 2010*



# *In Loving Memory*

## *Jerome H. Torstenson*

*God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways,  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way.  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love.....*

*You may share your remembrances and condolences  
with the family at the Fulkerson Funeral Home website  
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<i>Date And Place Of Birth</i>	<i>Date And Place Of Death</i>
<i>May 4, 1943</i>	<i>January 13, 2010</i>
<i>Williston, North Dakota</i>	<i>Sturgis, South Dakota</i>

### *Funeral Service*

*10:00 AM, Monday, January 18, 2010  
First Lutheran Church  
Watford City, North Dakota*

### *Clergy*

*Pastoral Assistant Rob Favorite*

### *Organist*

*Marianne Nelson*

### *Ushers*

*Eddie Kostelecky*

*Don Hill*

### *Casketbearers*

*Terry Wehner*

*Paul Bergem*

*John McNeilly*

*Aaron Trauger*

*Jim Luchi*

*Wes Faulkner*

### *Honorary Casketbearers*

*Roger Buffington*

*Oscar Ronning*

*Neil Nelson*

*Jim Norgaard*

*Orrin Moe*

*Walter Selover*

### *Military Honors*

*Carl E. Rogen American Legion Post #29*

*North Dakota Veteran's Honor Guard*

### *Interment*

*Schafer Cemetery*

*Watford City, North Dakota*