

Clayton was born on June 25, 1921, the son of Edwin A. and Emelia Rose (Wittmayer) Kitzman, rural Upham, ND. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and educated in rural Upham.

On June 1, 1941, he was united in marriage to Angeline Jeanette Vatsvog in St. John's Church in Deep, ND. They farmed in the Upham area until moving to Loveland, CO in 1955, where they owned and operated the Market Basket grocery store. Clayton also worked for the ABC Trailer Company, moving trailer homes throughout the Midwest. In 1959, they moved to Whitefish, MT, then later to Towner, ND, where Clayton worked as a field supervisor for the McHenry County ASCS before retiring. They moved to Minot in February of 2000. Angeline died July 17, 2001.

Spending time with his family was so important to Clayton. His first priority of the day was to check his calendar for upcoming birthdays or anniversaries for which he would then place a call with a cheerful greeting, often times early in the morning. He wrote daily in his journal, recording the temperature, and the day's events. Farming was in Clayton's blood right to the end. His love of travel and nature was passed down to all of his children. Clayton also loved poetry and spending time with his family hunting and fishing.

Clayton volunteered at Trinity Homes and was always there with a helping hand for his neighbors and friends. He especially enjoyed gardening, and teaching his grandchildren to fish. He was a caring man, and will be missed by all that knew him.

#### ***Those Who Shared In Clayton's Life***

Six children: Clayann (Ron) Almquist, Minot, Mick (Pat) Kitzman, Brainerd, MN, Colleen (Guy) Feland, Minot, Betty Hansen, Mandan, ND, Jim (Debby) Kitzman, Towner, ND, Connie (Bob) Nestoss, Fargo: foster son, Tony Hjertaas, Bismarck, ND, foster daughter, Teresa (Dan) Audette, Thief River Falls, MN: 19 grandchildren: 30 great-grandchildren: sister: Lila Thompson, Minot: brother-in-law, Embert Sveum, Minot, sister-in-law, Wilma (Don) Gust, Minot; several nieces, nephews and extended family members also survive.

Clayton was preceded in death by his wife, parents, granddaughter Heather Rae Nestoss, son-in-law, Bill Hansen, brothers Maynard, Virgil, and Dewey,

***Beware kind friend as you pass by  
as you are now so once was I  
As I am now so you will be  
Prepare thyself to follow me.***



***In Loving Memory  
Of  
Clayton G. Kitzman  
1921 ~ 2007***

***Faith is not believing that God can,  
it is knowing that he will.***