

“When people in the cities move from metro area to metro area, taking different jobs and climbing the ladder to “success,” you hear about them occasionally dropping out, telling their friends that they just need to “go find themselves.” Not many families get to eat together at all, much less have daily picnics on the wide open plains. It’s a joy to have real relationships with your family, built on quality time, not just a few fleeting moments of quality time fit in between daycare and bedtime.”

“It’s a joy to work side by side with your father. (And in Howard’s case, with his sons and grandsons) That is something that very few sons have been able to do since the industrial age began. It’s those hours and hours of making hay, building fences, caring for animals and even eating summer sausage sandwiches in the field or pasture that give me closeness to my father that is seldom found outside of rural life. What a special and healthy joy in a world of angry young men, fatherless homes and bitter relationships between father and son.”

Ryan Taylor



Howard G. Rockeman

April 14, 1919, Rockeman family farm, Aurelia, ND
September 14, 2008, Minot, ND

Funeral Service

Thursday, September 18, 2008, 10:30 a.m.
Donnybrook United Methodist Church, Donnybrook, ND

Officiant

Rev. Kathy Hammond

Music

Processional hymn “Amazing Grace”

Duane Costello to offer:

“Look for Me At Jesus Feet” and “I Call It Home”

Congregational hymn “Hymn Of Promise”

Recessional hymn “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Of Jesus”
Alexis Huff, organist

Honorary Bearers

Howard’s family, friends and neighbors

Active Bearers

Darrell Workman
Ray Steen

Dennis Huff
Jeff Jones

Roger Johnson
Russell Bott

Final Resting Place

Aurelia Moravian Cemetery, rural Donnybrook

Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to drive with both headlights and hazard lights ON. Once at the cemetery, double park and follow the family graveside for final prayers.

Immediately following the graveside service, there will be lunch and fellowship in the Parish Hall in Donnybrook.

The Rockeman family would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to them during this difficult time. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. May God bless the memory of Howard.

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