

**Homecoming Celebration
For Melvin Braunberger
January 24, 2008**

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Brethren Church, Minot
Rev. Craig Jennings

Family Processional..... "When the Tears Fall"
Joshua Hultstad

Prayer..... Rev. Craig Jennings

Introductory Remarks..... Pastor Bruce Schmidt

Special..... "Hymn Medley"
Kathy Helseth

Etology & Scripture
II Corinthians 5:1-11..... Pastor Bruce Schmidt

Hymn..... "He Touched Me"
Congregational

Sermon..... Rev. Craig Jennings

Special..... "On Eagles Wings"
Kathy Helseth

Military Honors..... Minot Air Force Base
Honor Guard

Prayer..... Rev. Craig Jennings

Hymn #546..... "When We All Get to a Heaven"
Congregation

Plants - Kathy Helseth
Organist - Arlys Nylander

Casket Bearers: Mark Zaderaka, Dean Zaderaka, Curtis Bostow, Jeremy Berg, Guy Hultstad and Brian Berg

Final Resting Place: Church of God Cemetery, Max ND

Immediately following the funeral service, there will be lunch and fellowship in the fellowship hall of the church.

Those wishing to attend the committal services are asked to meet at Our Redeemers parking lot at 3:00 pm.

The Braunberger 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 Melvin.

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Minot



*But there was
hope in the
load will ease
their strength.
They will soar
on wings like
eagles; they will
run and not grow
weary, they will
walk and not be
faint. Isaiah 40:31*



Melvin was born on December 17, 1928, in Benedict, ND, the son of Benjamin and Alvina (Hager) Braunberger. He was raised and educated in Benedict. On November 30, 1951, he entered the United States Army. He proudly served his country during the Korean War. He received the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars and the UN service medal. He was honorably discharged on August 28, 1953.

Upon his return from the war, he purchased the family farm near Benedict. On January 19, 1958, he was united in marriage to Shirley Berg. They lived on the farm, where they raised dairy cattle and small grains. Melvin also operated a butcher shop. In 1986, they sold the farm and moved to California. They were employed by Vandenberg Properties, and managed apartment complexes in Tulare, Oakdale, Mantec and Visalia. In 1995, Melvin and Shirley moved to Minot, ND, where he was employed by Tharaldson Properties and Maple Spas. Due to health reasons, Melvin retired in 2005.

Melvin and Shirley attended Our Redeemers Lutheran Brethren Church. His faith and his family were the most important things in his life. Along with farming, Melvin served on numerous boards: McLean County Township board, Max School board, Benedict Elevator Board and the Benedict Church of the Nazarene. He was active in the Benedict church as a Sunday School teacher.

Those who shared in Melvin's life his wife, Shirley; Children: Lynelle & Greg Hultstad, Chandler, AZ; Ranae & Bruce Schmidt, Beulah, ND; Keith & Laura Braunberger, Minot, ND; Kevin & Jessica Braunberger, Brentwood CA
Grandchildren: Stephanie, Sara & Ryan, Joshua & Kristen, Amy, Tyler, Kelsey, Cody, Hayden, Austin, and Karlee
Great-Grandson: Noah

Siblings: Freeda & Ross Culvert, Lewiston MT;
Ben Braunberger, Fondu Lac, WI; Bernice & Dennis Williams, Renton, WA; and numerous nieces, nephews.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter, Tari Lynn; brothers, Walter and Leonard; sisters, Carolyn and Elaine.