



Norman J. Kuper

January 9, 1927 - May 7, 2017

Norman Kuper, 90, of Lennox, SD, died Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Sanford Centennial Hospice Cottage, Sioux Falls. Norman was born on January 9, 1927 to Herman J. and Grace Hippen Kuper. He grew up in the area and was drafted into the US Army serving time in Germany. He was honorably discharged and later became a lifetime member of the Chancellor American Legion. Following the military, he worked at Mattheis Supply. He married Esther Schoffelman in January, 1949. Norman and Esther farmed in the area for many years starting near Chancellor and moving to Davis in 1965. He moved haystacks and buildings for 18 years with his custom hay mover. Norman retired from farming in 1989 and turned his focus to restoring his father's 1917 Moline Universal D tractor with his brother Luverne. Norman and Esther continued living on the farm and Norman worked for Gary Jongeling Harvesting from Oklahoma to North Dakota. Norman also worked with his brother Luverne, Alan Fodness and Galen Kuper in the graveling business. In 1999, Norman and Esther moved to Lennox. He worked for the City of Lennox and for Eastern Farmer's Cooperative for several years. Norman sold insurance and served on the board of directors for Turner County Mutual for many years. He was a life time member of the Turner County First Presbyterian Church serving as Trustee, Deacon, and Elder. Norman and Esther enjoyed traveling seeing many parts of the country over the years. He loved to read, do puzzles, bowling and attend anything involving his grandchildren. He never had a grandchild beat him in an arm wrestling match

or a game of Othello. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Anna Oltmanns and brother, Luverne & his wife, Laura Kuper. Survivors include his wife Esther of Lennox, children Loren (Marjean) Kuper of Blackhawk, Venita (Jim) Winterboer of Brookings, Jody (LeAnn) Kuper of Milbank and Tami (Wes) Harms of Harrisburg. Norman is survived by eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Don (Jeri) Kuper of Tea and Sister-in-Law, Cora Schoffelman as well as a host of other relatives and friends. Private burial with military honors, at the Lennox Cemetery, will precede memorial services which begin at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 11 at Turner County Evangelical Church, rural Davis, SD. Visitation, also at Turner County Evangelical, with the family present, will be 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to the Lennox New Bus Fund c/o Valley Exchange Bank, Lennox.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *My greatest condolences on the passing of Norm. A true gentlemen and beloved friend who always had a story to tell. His accomplishments surpass everyone and will be truly missed. May God Bless all of you.
Kindest regards
Brian Lind*

Brian Lind - May 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *Thinking of you, Sorry to hear about the loss of Norman.*

Chad & Tiffini Neiger - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *I am truly sorry for ur dads passing. I loved his smile and the way he laughed. He always had time to tell me a joke. I haven't seen him in awhile but his smile could light up a room.*

May you know that he is with his father and saviour now. May God and Jesus be with you during your time of need. And remember all the memories with him. I'm sure there are a lot.

If you need me I'm here.

Annie

Ann King - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I am sure Norman will be missed by many. I was lucky enough to spend a little time with Norman for a few weeks each year - when he and Esther would give their time and talents volunteering at Girl Scouts-Dakota Horizons helping to make sure the Girl Scouts received their hard-earned rewards from the Cookie Sale Program! I looked forward to it every year. His love for Esther, his family and their life together was very evident. It was an honor and a joy to spend those few weeks with them. My thoughts and prayers are with Esther, his family and their many friends. God Bless.

Lori Jensen - May 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Sympathy to the family.

ARLO & Vonnie Larson - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Sympathies from the heart. You were best neighbors ever in 1966!

Betty Winesburg - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Loved seeing Norman when I came back to turner county, I love the memories I have been bugging with Norman. He knew how to make the long days fun. At Turner county he would always shake my hand and say "Hi Thomas". He will be missed.

Tom Rops - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM