



Dewey Thomason

September 18, 1924 - March 9, 2011

Dewey DeRoy Thomason was born on September 18, 1924, in Nyssa, Oregon, the son of Charles Noah and Anona Bertha Otelia Garmen Thomason. Dewey entered into eternal peace on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at Garden View Care Center in Shenandoah, Iowa. Services will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, March 15, at Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 9:30 am - 11:00 am Tuesday, March 15, at Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck. Dewey was raised on the family ranch in Nyssa. He was an active member of the local 3-H Club, before it was known as 4-H. The family moved to Vallejo, California where he graduated from Vallejo Evening High School with the Class of 1943, proudly wearing the uniform of the United States Army, as he had already enlisted to serve his country during WWII. During his service career he was stationed at Presidio of San Francisco and Guadalcanal Island during the Asiatic Pacific Campaign. On April 21, 1946, which happened to be Easter Sunday, Dewey was united in marriage to Sophia-Louisia "Sandie" Merkel in Bismarck, ND at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. The couple was blessed with 52 years of marriage. During his career Dewey was the owner of the Log Cabin Bar in Medora, ND, drove a truck for McKee Trucking and was accident and citation free for 8 years. Dewey worked as a field underwriter for New York Life Insurance in Bismarck until his retirement in 1998 after 36 years with the company. He was a 50 year member of the Lions Club International, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 40 et 8, and German from

Russia Heritage Society. Dewey had a passion for traveling. Some of his adventures took him to Russia, Australia, Alaska, Europe several times and all over the United States. He attended the Guadalcanal Veterans annual convention for the last 10 years. He enjoyed jazz and ragtime music of which he had an extensive collection of music, attending festivals in Iowa, Missouri, Colorado and California. Those left to honor his memory include his son David C. Thomason and wife Deborah of Bismarck, ND; daughter Jean "Jeanne" T. Wright and husband Clay of Shenandoah, IA; granddaughter Raydean Naylor and husband Ken of Roundup, MT; grandsons Dustin T. Wright and wife Cassie of Madrid, IA and Casey D. Wright of Des Moines, IA; great-grandsons Benjamin Naylor of Roundup, MT and Brody D. Wright of Madrid, IA; all his adopted Wright family; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Sophia-Louisia "Sandie"; and sister Mary Lou Buss Freitas.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Thomason Family: On behalf of the entire Hartman family, I want to express our sympathy regarding your loss. Dewey was always helpful to me when I started with New York Life and my father always enjoyed working with him when he was the Manager in North Dakota. Again...we are very sorry for your loss! Take care and god bless!*

Steve Hartman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *Jeanne and Clay: Our deepest condolences on the loss of your dear father. I have so many fond memories of good times spent with your family at the big house in Bismarck. He was a kind and loving soul, and we know he will be missed. Please get in touch. Rita*

Rita Radig Laker-Ojok - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Our deepest sympathy at this time of your great loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Ivan & Pat Meyer*

Pat Meyer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Dear Jean and Clay, Gary and I are keeping you in our prayers during this difficult time. Diann and Gary Kraft*

Diann Kraft - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Dave and Deb, our condolences to you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Leia and Maggie*

Leia and Maggie Shalhoob - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM