



Idar Handegard

May 8, 1941 - March 1, 2009

Idar Lars Handegard, 67, Almont, passed away March 1, 2009, at his home following a long struggle with pulmonary fibrosis. Services will be held at 1:00 pm CDT Friday, March 6, 2009, at Almont United Lutheran Church, Almont, ND, with Rev. Vanvechten Crane officiating. Burial will be held in the spring in Almont Cemetery. There will be no visitation as cremation has taken place. Idar was born May 8, 1941, to Lars and Louise Anstad Handegard at his grandparents, Thorvald and Ragna Barstad, rural Morton County farm. He grew up on the family farm on the Heart River in Grant County, attending rural school through the eighth grade. His high school education was divided between the first two years in Almont and the remainder with graduation from Carson High School in 1959. On September 28, 1962, he married Judith Lee Gustafson in Almont. They continued to live and work on the family farm until 1970 when they moved to Carson. Idar and Judy were blessed with five children during their 46 years of marriage. Idar led a varied life filled with many careers along the way. Included in this were farming and ranching, owner and operator of Idar's Bar in Almont, constructing wing jigs for the first 747 jumbo jet aircraft, a licensed electrician and plumber, carpenter, mechanic, and welder. His keen interest in meteorology led him to become an official weather observer for the National Weather Service, a position he proudly held for 15 years. He also reveled in his duties of trapping mosquitoes for the state health department's surveillance program. Idar loved boating and the water and held the long time dream of someday navigating the Pacific Northwest waterways

from Alaska south. He is survived by his wife, Judith, Almont; daughters, Jamie Curt Feland, Almont, Cindy Rollie Paulson, Wolf Point, MT, and Heather Handegard, Gainesville, FL; sons, Jesse Handegard, Bismarck, and Cory Handegard, Leadville, CO; nine grandchildren, Cade, Paige, Seth, Celise, and Brett Feland, Almont, Kyle, Kirk, Garrett, and Pryce Paulson, Wolf Point, MT; one sister, Mary Jim Bonogofsky, Pueblo, CO; brother, Royal Ellen Handegard, Carson, ND; and brother, Larry Sharon Handegard, Laurel, MT. Idar was preceded in death by his parents.

Tribute Wall

SY

“*Jesse & Family I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad & husband. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. He is at peace now and in a better place!*”

Shelley Yantzer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LP

“*Our sympathy for your loss. Idar was a great help to the NWS the past 15 years. We will remember Idar for his support to the community and the country as a true volunteer.*”

Len Peterson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JE

“*I happened upon this notice and my heart goes out to the family of Idar Handegard. Though I do not know the family I wanted to convey my sympathy and share the hope from the bible that I look to at times such as these. Our heavenly Father Jehovah is a God of love and HE hates to see us in pain. This thought is supported at Revelation 21:3,4 where it promises that HE will put and end to death and mourning forever. What a time of celebration when we will be crying tears of joy instead of sorrow. I again am sorry for your loss. With sympathy, J Edwards*”

J Edwards - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NH

“*Judy:I know Cindy and I caused a lot of gray hair for Idar but all the great memories I have of growing up as a part of your family will always be dear in my heart. You're in my thoughts and prayersNeva*”

Neva Timboe Hamre - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Judy - My sympathy and best regards to you and your family.*

Carlyle J. Reeff - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ *I know Grandpa and I did not get along and butted heads quite a few times but I wanted to know him, it was just hard for him to let me in. I love you a lot Grandma. I just wanted to let you know that.*

Kyle Paulson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *So sorry for the loss of your loved one.*

Jeffrey Hjelseth - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Idar Handegard*

Ken & Jeri Schriock - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM