

Obituary

Darrel D. Yeackley

Darrel D. Yeackley was the 2nd of five children born to George and Alice (Hershberger) Yeackley on a farm near Milford, Nebraska on May 29, 1926 and went to be with his Lord on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at the age of 81 years, 7 months and 15 days. As a young boy he accepted Christ as his personal Savior. On October 19, 1941, he was baptized at East Fairview Mennonite Church and was a faithful and serving member until his death. He attended country school near Milford and helped his father farm, also working for Beckler's Implement until his marriage. He was united in marriage to Naomi Riley on September 24, 1950 at East Fairview. To this union seven children, Eric, Carmen, Pamela, Kevin, Jody, Anita, and Jacqueline were born.

Together they made their home on a farm near Milford before moving to the Beaver Crossing area where they lived for 13 years. They then returned to the family farm west of Milford where he farmed and also operated a dairy. Darrel treasured his family and the many times that they were together. He would always thank God for those who made it safely and pray for those who were not able to be there, naming them one by one. He loved to hear his family sing and always requested "Silent Night" before the Christmas meal. He was often caught singing a hymn to himself while working throughout his day. One of the greatest gifts he gave to his family was his faith in God. He was always looking for the positive in every situation, served as a peacemaker to many, and could always make you laugh. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Darrel is survived by his wife, Naomi, of 57 years, son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Karmin Yeackley, daughters and sons-in-law, Carmen and Bill Saltzman, Pamela and Lynn Saltzman, Jody and Randy Schweitzer, Anita and Delton Stauffer, and Jackie and Wes Roth, all of Milford, 20 grandchildren and spouses, Craig and Marneta Saltzman, Chad and Jewel Saltzman, Jessica and Jeremy Yoder, Jathan and Sonya Saltzman, Melissa Saltzman, Mick Saltzman, Roxanne and Lonnie Miller, Dustin Yeackley, Cassidy Yeackley, Joshua and Kylie Schweitzer, Jade and Serena Schweitzer, Jayla Schweitzer and fiancé, Nate Anderson, Daron Stauffer, Austin Stauffer, Abbie Stauffer, Alexa Stauffer, Megan Roth, Levi Roth, Colten Roth, Ethan Roth, nine great-grandchildren, sister, Mary Jane Stutzman, Milford, brother, Karl Yeackley, Lincoln, sisters-in-law, Ethel Yeackley, Milford, Dorla Yeackley Hershberger, Hesston, Kan., step-sister, Donna Cook Pearson, Thedford, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Walt and Jane Riley, Seward, Larry and Betty Springer, Milford, Elva Reil, Lois Riley, all of Milford, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a step-mother, Verda Yeackley, his son, Eric Dean, brothers, Willis and Archie, sister-in-law, Betty Yeackley, brothers-in-law, Walter Stutzman, Ivan Cook.

A Funeral Service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at the East Fairview Mennonite Church, rural Milford, with Rev. Anthony Troyer and Rev. Tim Springer officiating. Interment was in the East Fairview Mennonite Cemetery. Visitation was on Tuesday from noon – 5 p.m. at Lauber-

Moore Funeral Home, Milford and from 6-8 p.m. at Milford Mennonite Church with the family greeting friends and relatives. View was also available one hour prior to the service at East Fairview Mennonite Church. Memorials have been established and are directed in care of the family. Pallbearers were Craig and Mick Saltzman, Josh Schweitzer, Dustin Yeackley, Daron Stauffer and Levi Roth. Honorary Pallbearers were Chad and Jathan Saltzman, Jade Schweitzer, Coleten and Ethan Roth, and Austin Stauffer. The Men's Group of Eric Riley, Roger Roth, Clark Rediger, Doyle Hostetler and Raymond Gifford sang "On Jordan's Stormy Banks", "Mansion Over The Hilltop" and "The First Look" during the service and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" at the graveside. They were accompanied by Bonnie Rediger, keyboard, who also played prelude, and Cloy Stutzman on the guitar. Arrangements were entrusted to Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Milford. Condolences may be sent to the family at laubermoore.com.