



Clinton C. Claassen

March 30, 1915 - October 27, 2012

Clinton C. Claassen, 97, of Moses Lake died October 27, 2012. He was born March 30, 1915 to William B. and Anna Claassen in Beatrice, NE, the second of five sons.

In 1929 the family moved to Colfax, WA where he graduated from high school and worked on the family farm. Through church activities he met his partner in life. He married Evelyn Jantz at her father's home near Ritzville on May 31, 1941. They moved to the Ruff area where together they farmed for over fifty years, enjoying the help of numerous friends and relatives during harvest and other busy times. He was a member of Menno Mennonite Church serving in multiple roles and sharing his love of Jesus with others through his wit, generosity, and gentle smile. He was a devoted husband, father, granddad, and great granddad. Three years after Evelyn's death, he moved to Monroe House in Moses Lake in 2007 where he continued to find joy and strength in the time spent with family and visits to the farm.

Survivors include four children, Sharon (Stan) Meyer of Moses Lake, Eugene (Dorene) of Marlin, Cleon (Elizabeth) of Moses Lake, and Patrice Claassen of North Newton, KS; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and two brothers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, and two brothers, Rudolph and

Ernest.

His life will be honored at services held Friday, November 2, 2:00 pm at Menno Mennonite Church, 1378 North Damon Road, Ritzville, WA 99169. Burial will precede at 1:00pm at Menno Mennonite Cemetery. Viewing is held at Nicoles Funeral Home in Ephrata on Thursday and at the church on Friday from 11:00am - 12:30pm. Memorials may be designated to the Washington Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service in care of Menno Mennonite Church.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family and view the online tribute video at nicolesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata.

Cemetery Details

Menno Mennonite Cemetery

1378 North Damon Road
Ritzville, WA 99169

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Nicoles Funeral Home
157 C St. N.W.
Ephrata, WA 98823
(509) 754-3420
bea.white@nicolesfuneralhome.com

Visitation

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

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Visitation

NOV 2. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Menno Mennonite Church
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Graveside

NOV 2. 1:00 PM (PT)

Menno Mennonite Cemetery
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Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (PT)

Menno Mennonite Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Clinton C. Claassen*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - October 30, 2012 at 05:39 PM

MF

“ *Sympathy to all of you in the death of Clint. Esther (Claassen) Friesen(mother) use to say " I like my 5 cousins in Washington but, Clint is my favorite. He is always so much fun. " Love, Mark & Veronica Friesen Aurora, NE*

Mark Friesen - November 07, 2012 at 06:11 AM

DS

“ *To all the Claussen family - Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Clint was always such a friendly man and never knew a stranger. It was indeed a pleasure to have known him. We know he will be missed by all of his family, but you all must have wonderful memories to hold him close. I didn't realize he was born in Nebraska. No wonder he was such a wonderful person. Doris & Dale Swanstrom*

Doris & Dale Swanstrom - November 02, 2012 at 10:49 PM

DV

“ Sharon and family, I wanted to extend my sincere condolences in the loss of your father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. May God comfort you in your grief and may His loving arms be around you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Dawn Viebrock
San Benito, TX*

Dawn Viebrock - October 31, 2012 at 11:30 AM

GS

“ Cleon and family, so sorry for your loss. It is always hard to lose a parent no matter how old we are. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.

Gordon and Marge Steinmetz

Gordon and Marge Steinmetz - October 30, 2012 at 08:01 PM