

Obituaries



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Clarence Carl Nordstrom, 86, of Pine City, died Monday, Nov. 12, 2001 at home.

Clarence was born Dec. 27, 1914 in Pine City Township to John and Jennie (Anderson) Nordstrom on the Pioneer Farm east of Pine City.

He graduated from Pine City High School in 1931 and took one year of post-graduate classes.

Clarence married Arlaine Kindred on June 16, 1938. Clarence and Arlaine had one daughter, Hazel Marie Lindstrom.

Clarence lived east of Pine City all of his life,

except from 1943 to 1946 when they lived in Becker, MN. In 1946 Clarence and Arlaine moved back to Pine City and purchased the Team Work Farm, where Clarence lived for the past 55 years.

Clarence loved God, his family and horses. From infancy, he attended and later became a member of the Milburn Evangelical Free Church, which later moved into Pine City and became the Pine City Evangelical Free Church.

At a young age, Clarence realized his need to ask Christ to forgive him of his sins and accepted Christ as his personal savior. He has always been active in church and has held various positions within the church and was in attendance Sunday, prior to his death.

He loved his family and was very involved with their lives. He would travel to participate in extended family events. The Nordstrom home was known as one that was always open to friends,

including several foster children, as they loved people and loved to entertain.

Clarence was always driving places to visit his friends, sometimes several in a day. Whether he was at home or with friends, he always had fun and a prank was not too far away!

Clarence loved horses all of his life. He worked his horses at home from a young age, and beginning in 1965 participated in state plowing contests, where he won many awards. Later he took part in field days. He was an officer of the Minnesota Horse Breeders Association and the Northern Minnesota Draft Horse Association, which he was instrumental in starting in 1979. It is still very active today.

Clarence has been influential throughout the United States with the Draft Horse Association, and articles have been published about him in the Draft Horse Journal. He has given countless hay rides and sleigh rides to friends, neighbors and relatives.

Clarence has been active in the community, having served as a county commis-

sioner and Sauter School Board member. He has also been very active as the Sexton, board member and grave digger of the Milburn Cemetery. Clarence will also be known as an unofficial local historian.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arlaine, daughter Hazel Lindstrom, grandson, Timothy Lindstrom, parents John and Jennie Nordstrom, brothers, Harry, Edwin, Roy, Phillip, Rueben and John Nordstrom, sisters, Alice Waletski, Irene DesChaine and Ruby Nordstrom.

Clarence is survived by his son-in-law, Robert, and wife, Annette, of Rock Creek; two grandchildren, Sue and husband, Dan Millstead, of Pine City; Tom and wife, Loreal Lindstrom, Pine City; and four great grandchildren Chelsey, Lane and Dillon Lindstrom and Katie VanGeest of Rock Creek, and a special friend, Nina Bolechowski, of Sandstone.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Nov. 16, 2001 at 1 p.m. at the Pine City Evangelical Free Church, with Pastor Tim Adams officiating.

Casketbearers were Carl Schlaeger, Mark Nordstrom, David Halvorson, Rob Shuey, David Johnson, Sherwin Costello, Carl Nelson and Bernie Samson.

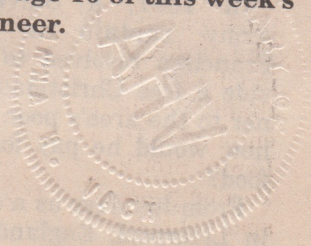
The burial followed the service with a horse drawn hearse processional to the Milburn Cemetery.

Clarence's life was characterized by one of his favorite scripture verses: Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."

Horsedrawn hearse, buggies lead funeral procession of local legend, Nordstrom

CLARENCE NORDSTROM, 86, of Pine City, known far and wide for his prowess with draft horses, was buried at Milburn Cemetery east of town on Friday, Nov. 16. Horse lovers from around the area donated their old-fashioned conveyances and their animals to take Clarence's family and his casket from the Pine City Evangelical Free Church to the cemetery in a most unusual procession. Clarence

died at his home, the Team Work Farm, on Monday, Nov. 12. A complete obituary appears on Page 10 of this week's Pioneer.



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