



Norwegian Grace

I Jesu navn går vi til bords
Og spiser, drikker på ditt ord
Deg, Gud, til ære, oss til gavn
Så får vi mat i Jesu navn.
Amen.

In Jesus' name to the table we go
To eat and drink according to his word.
To God the honor, us the gain,
So we have food in Jesus' name.
Amen.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Norman Andrew Shelsta

WHO WAS BORN

November 5, 1934

Kragero Township, Chippewa County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

April 4, 2019

Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

First English Lutheran Church

Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Pastor David Tonn

MUSICIANS

Kathy Haukos, Organist

Dan Stores, Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

Bruce Swigerd Dean Strand Craig Randleman

Don Lundell Brian Hasslen John Meagher Carson Storm

INTERMENT

Kviteseid Lutheran - Milan Methodist Cemetery

Milan, Minnesota

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Gertje Van Lith Post #229

APPRECIATION

Norman's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for a meal and fellowship in the church dining hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home

Ortonville, Minnesota

Norman Andrew Shelsta was born on November 4, 1934, in Milan, MN, to Sam and Hilma (Berglund) Shelsta. He grew up on a farm near Milan and graduated from Milan High School in 1952. Norman began farming after the death of his father in 1950, but later decided to become a teacher. He attended Northern State Teachers College in Aberdeen, SD, and received a teaching certificate in 1957. He continued his education at NSTC during the summers in the 1960s, ultimately receiving a bachelor's degree in education in 1967. He later achieved a master's degree in education in 1972 from Mankato State University.

Norman taught fourth and fifth grade classes for 33 years. He began his teaching career at a country school near Gary, SD, in the late 1950s and taught for five years. He later taught four years at Bellingham in the mid-1960s. He went on to teach for 24 years in Northfield, MN. He retired from teaching in June 1991.

Norman served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1958, and again from 1961 to 1962.

He was an active and dedicated member of First English Lutheran Church, Kiwanis International, Sons of Norway, and several other organizations. He served on the board of directors for Kiwanis and Monarch Heights Assisted Living in Ortonville. He was a long-term, reliable volunteer and guide at the Big Stone County Museum and a member of the museum board. He enjoyed teaching a class each spring at the museum's country school building for Ortonville and Clinton fourth grade students. He was a prolific writer and historian, and enjoyed sharing his knowledge of history with other people. He also periodically wrote an article for the Ortonville Independent called "Musings From The Museum".

Norman will be remembered by his friends and relatives as always being very kind, friendly, considerate, and generous. He was always willing to lend a hand and was the first to offer help whenever it was needed, in whatever way he could. Norman always arrived early for any meeting or event and was often the last to leave.

Norman leaves behind many relatives, friends, and former students who mourn his loss.

Preceding Norman in death are his father, Sam Shelsta in 1950; his mother, Hilma Shelsta in 1960; brother, Floyd Shelsta in 1946; and sister, Inez Shelsta Olson in 1993.

