



## Clayton E. Burgardt

May 14, 1927 - October 8, 2012

Clayton was born May 14, 1927 in Britt, IA to the late Nicholas and Yardie 'Anderson' Burgardt. He grew up on a farm near Britt, IA and graduated from Britt High School in 1945. Clayton was united in marriage to Dorothy A. Nuehring on June 18, 1949 at First Lutheran Church in Britt, IA. The couple lived in Kansas City, KS where Clayton was employed at General Motors. In March, 1952, the couple moved to Little Falls, MN where Clayton owned and operated a Shell Gas Station downtown. Shortly after, he purchased a school bus and began Burgardt Bus Service. Clayton also helped City Sanitary driving a garbage route. In Jan. 1961, he purchased the City Sanitary business which he operated until selling it to his sons in 1980. He sold Burgardt Bus Service in 1996 but continued driving bus until retiring in 2007. Clayton was very active in Scouting. He served as Scout Master for Troop #65 for over 20 years and earned the Silver Beaver Award for his service. He was also very civic minded and served as President of the Little Falls Senior Center Board; served as a Little Falls Police Reserve officer; served on the Lutheran Home Care Center Board that built the facility in 1961 and remained on the Board for many years. Clayton enjoyed woodworking, working with stain glass, polishing agates to make jewelry, trap shooting, canoeing, camping and archery. He was a faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church in Little Falls, serving on the church council, Sunday School teacher and usher. Clayton is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Dorothy; sons, Donald (Susan) Burgardt of Sioux Falls, SD; Gary (Beth) Burgardt of Little Falls, MN;

Gregg (Laurie) Burgardt of Little Falls, MN; Brian (Kathy) Burgardt of Little Falls, MN; Curtis Burgardt of Sauk Rapids, MN; daughters, Bonnie (Saia) Kavapalu of South St. Paul, MN and Cheryl Burgardt of South St. Paul, MN; brothers, Connie (Norma) Burgardt of Britt IA and John (Imogene) Burgardt of Britt, IA; 16 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Clayton was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Diane Burgardt; brother, Alvin Burgardt; sisters, Erlis Steven and Marilynn Glynn.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

OCT 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church - Little Falls  
411 3rd Avenue NE  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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411 3rd Avenue NE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Clayton E. Burgardt*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - October 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Clayton E. Burgardt*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Dear Bonnie, Dorothy & family,*

*Please accept our deepest sympathy to you with the sad passing of Clayton.*

*May the good Lord provide comfort and solace to you during this sad time.*

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October 16, 2012 at 05:14 PM



“ Clayton was my bus driver from 1960 to 63.. a hour 20 minute ride each way to and from Little Falls . He was a greay fellow.  
My Condolances to all  
Bob Koetter###imported-begin##Bob Koetter###imported-end##

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October 11, 2012 at 04:39 PM



“ Clayton was our 4 oldest kids bus driver. They always said Good Morning to him and they always saw a slight smile. He will be missed! God Bless!###imported-begin##The Maslowski Family###imported-end##

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October 10, 2012 at 05:30 PM