



Services for Norman Larson of Minneota were held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 7, at Hope Lutheran Church in Minneota. Providing special music were Simone Ramler on violin and Val Buysse, organist, and Scott Josephson and Erin Josephson, vocalists. Burial followed at Hope Lutheran Cemetery.

Norman, 89, died on Thursday, July 3, 2008, at the Minneota Manor in Minneota.

Norman Silas Larson was born on May 23, 1919, in Nordland Township, to George and Josephine (Bjerken) Larson. He grew up in rural Minneota and graduated from Minneota High School in 1937.

On September 9, 1940, he was united in marriage to Lillian Gillund at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Minneota. The couple farmed and raised their family in Island Lake Township.

Norman was an avid hunter of deer and pheasants in his early years. He also enjoyed riding horses, playing cards, and spending time with his friends and family on the lake.

He was a longtime member of Hope Lutheran Church, the Sons of Norway and was a member of the Island Lake Township Board.

Norman was involved with 4H and developed many friendships with other 4H families through various club trips and activities.

He enjoyed conversation, visits with friends, and brightened everyone's days with jokes and recollections of the past. His concern for others, especially his family, was a special gift that all who knew him appreciated.

He is survived by six children and their families: Judy Ramler, George, Michael and Kurt; Norma Fletcher; Carla and Dean Moll, Corinne and Craig; Steven and Kristine Larson, Erik and Andrew; Renee Laleman and Jon; Roberta and Scott Josephson, Erin, Adam, and Isaac; 10 great-grandchildren; and many favorite nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Lillian and brothers Alfred, Karl, and Elvin.