Thomas E. Anderson



Thomas E. Anderson, 59, of Barnesville, Minnesota, died Monday in his home.

Tom, son of Alvin and Eileen (Wilkinson) Anderson, was born December 31, 1947, in Moorhead. He attended Koester School and Elemen-tary School in Comstock where he grew to manhood. He attended high school in Barnesville and graduated from Barnesville High School in 1965. After high school he enrolled at North Dakota State University where he graduated with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Ag Engineering. He worked for Steiger Tractor of Fargo for two yeas before starting to farm along with his father in the Comstock-Sabin areas.

Tom married Kirsten Upgren on November 19, 1977, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Barnesville. The couple made their home in Barnesville where Tom continued to farm and where they raised their two children. He retired from farming in the spring of 2007 due to his health at which time they relocated to Dunvilla. He lived there until the time of his death.

Tom of was member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church where he served on the church council, held the post of treasurer and taught Sunday school and confirmation. Tom was a proud member of the Minnesota Wheat Growers Association and was vice chair of the Red River Valley Sugar Beet Research and Education Board. He was national co-chair of the United States Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative. He served as chairman of the Minnesota Small Grains Research and Communications Committee. He also served on numerous search committees for the University of Minnesota and the Northwest Research and Outreach Center. Tom received many awards in his life including the Clay County King Agassiz, the NDSU Outstanding Agriculturist, the Torch and Shield Award from the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers Meritorious Achievement Award. Tom was active in the Barnesville Economic Development Authority, once serving as the treasurer. Tom enjoyed sports of all kinds and enjoyed listening, watching and attending sporting events from the Twins to the Vikings. He was an avid reader but his true passion was the numerous agricultural boards he served on over the years. He enjoyed relaxing at the lake and loved visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Kirsten of Dunvilla; one daughter, Melissa (Ty) Eshelman of Avondale, Arizona; one son, Paul Anderson of rural Sabin; his mother, Eileen Anderson of Moorhead; one sister, Mary (Larry) Bommersbach of Dilworth and one brother, Dennis Anderson of Fargo. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle, Joyce and Jim Ferris of Baker, his aunt, Ida Bye of Fargo and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Tom is preceded in death by his father, Alvin Anderson, his uncle, Leonard Anderson, uncle and aunt, Jalmer and Alice Anderson and uncle, Bill Bye.

Funeral service: Thursday at 11 in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Barnesville.

Visitation: Wednesday from 4 -8 with a prayer service at 7 in Dobmeier Funeral Home, Barnesville, and two hours before the service at the church.

Interment: Comstock Lutheran Cemetery, Comstock, Minnesota.