

## **Curtis Gabrielson, 83** ✓

**Feb. 23, 1915 - Sept. 21, 1998**

**BELMOND** - Curtis Norman Gabrielson was born Feb. 23, 1915, in Belmond to Gabriel and Anna Peterson Gabrielson. The son of Norwegian immigrants he was raised on a farm with his four brothers and four sisters. His love of land, farming and animals continued throughout his life. He grew up in the Belmond area where he attended country schools. He was baptized April 25, 1915, and confirmed July 13, 1930, both in the St. Olaf Lutheran Church near Belmond. He then moved to California where he managed a dairy farm in Glendale.

He married Marion Georgina Artiss in 1939 in Glendale, CA. Daughters Constance Sue and Nancy Lee were born in 1941 and 1943 in California. The Gabrielson family returned to Belmond, where Norman farmed with his brother, Elmer, and eventually started his own farm. Daughter Norma Jean was born in 1948 and son Ted Artiss in 1949. His wife, Marion, died March 19, 1954. He continued farming until 1958.

In 1958, he married Alta Lee Smith, becoming father to her children, Vicki Lee born in 1945, James Hackett born in 1948 and Jerry Allen born in 1949. He then began management of the Fashion Farms in Meservey. The family moved to San Jose, CA in 1963, where they owned and operated three small businesses. In 1966, they moved to Redding, CA, where he worked on a dairy farm until his retirement. Alta and Norman returned to Belmond in 1980. He died Sept. 21, 1998, at the Belmond Health Care Center, Belmond, at age 83.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marion, and mother of his four children; one daughter, Constance Sue Loats (1975); one stepdaughter, Vicki Lee Soma (1980); wife, Alta Lee (1984); grandson, Jeffrey Allen Loats (1986); sisters, Burlee Gabrielson and Ruth Boller, and brothers, Tolford and Elmer Gabrielson. He is survived by his children, Nancy Lee Flanagan (Larry) of Harlan; Norma Jean Thiel (Dick) of Las Vegas, NV; Ted Artiss Gabrielson (Donna) of Lake Oswego, OR; son-in-law, Fred Loats of Belmond; stepsons, James Hackett Smith (Lynda) of San Ramon, CA; Jerry Allen Smith and Wendy of Belmond; step son-in-law, Jerry Soma of Gilroy, CA; sisters, Elizabeth Waddington of Belmond; Beulah Reasoner (Edward) of Belmond; Ruby Boller (Kenneth) of Belmond; brothers, Gerhard (Marion) of Belmond; Lester of Des Moines; 22 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26, 1998, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Belmond, with Rev. James Carpenter officiating. Burial was in the Belmond Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Cory Gabrielson, Gary Gabrielson, Dale Gabrielson, Wilmer Gabrielson, Neil Gabrielson, Larry Flanagan, Fred Loats, Andy Smith, Craig Boller, Dick Thiel, Jim Smith and Jerry Soma. Casket bearers were Ted Gabrielson, Michael Flanagan, Jerry Smith, Mark Loats, Kirk Smith and Thomas Soma. Dugger Ewing Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.