



Theron C. Helt

April 20, 1932 - September 5, 2016

Theron C. Helt, age 84, of rural Viola, died Monday, September 5, 2016 at Vernon Memorial Hospital in Viroqua. On April 20, 1932 he was born the son of Herman and Adalee (Ward) Helt. He grew up in the Ash Ridge area and attended different grade schools in that area. Theron graduated from Viola High School in 1950. He and his family farmed on several farms. Theron hauled milk and worked at the Guy Friday Cheese Factory at Ash Ridge. He worked as the ring man at many farm sales for over 40 years, assisting many different auctioneers. He hauled livestock, worked the sale ring and clerked the auctions for Matthes Farms since 1963, retiring in the fall of 2015. During that time, he bought and sold dairy cattle for Matthes Farm and developed many good friends and customers among the Amish. All of his life Theron was a fun loving guy. In his hey-day he loved to dance. He loved to torment the women so they would bake him a pie or cake. He did rain dances when it was dry, predicted the winter by the caterpillar's coats and generally, had an opinion on any subject.

Survivors include his niece, Connie (Ron) Riedel of Reedsburg; 2 nephews, Bill (Sandy) Helt of Hillpoint, Brian (Denise) Helt of Luxemburg; 2 cousins, Eva Shilling of Richland Center, Sharon (Mike) Frye of Elroy; special thanks to his care givers, Dawn Clark, T.J. Clark, and Chantel Thorgerson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Francis (Vera) Helt,

Richard (Ellie) Helt; and a sister, Doris Helt.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the Viola United Methodist Church. Burial will be held in the Viola Cemetery. Friends may call on Thursday at the Viola United Methodist Church from 1:00 PM until the time of services at 2:00 PM. On line condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Viola Cemetery

Viola, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Viola United Methodist Church
225 N. Washington
Viola, WI

Funeral Service

SEP 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ I enjoyed many great times with Theron, attending auctions, eating great meals together. at the cafe in Viola, playing cards below the bank. No matter how far behind he was in dirty clubs, he would attempt to Shoot The Moon ! I will always remember those good times together Old Friend. Dick Armstrong

Dick Armstrong - September 11, 2016 at 12:07 AM

KD

“ Theron was our neighbor growing up. When he went to an auction we never knew what he might drop off. Once he dropped off ducks the next time it was chickens. He would always call my Mom for recipes. When my Mom was able she would always make him a birthday cake. After my Dad passed away Theron would call and check on my Mom to make sure she was ok. Rest in peace. Kristi Durst



Kristi Durst - September 08, 2016 at 12:03 PM

JB

“ Theron was a constant in my life, for over 40 years he has been my friend. His life revolved around the land, the seasons and the people of the "Driftless area". I learned much from his farm wisdom and his undefeated spirit, even after being kicked by a cow and he could not farm anymore, he never complained. Theron's was a life well lived, his friends were many and if he had enemies they did not reveal themselves . It pained me to watch his health decline in later years, but Theron knew the cycle of life and seasons of nature, it was just part of his journey. I do not know if I ever thanked Theron for being my friend, this I regret , there will be a void now, unable to call that familiar phone number and hear a cheerful voice on the other end. Good-bye old friend. John Buhrmann, Merrill, Wisconsin.



John Buhrmann - September 08, 2016 at 06:20 AM

BH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

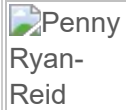


Brian & Denise Helt - September 07, 2016 at 09:01 AM

AN

“ My great grandparents were Orvil and Freda Pellet. I always liked hearing stories about them from Theron. Ash Ridge has lost a great person

Andy - September 06, 2016 at 11:09 PM



“ *When I was young and went to sales with my money Theron used to help me build my salt and pepper shaker collection by putting them all in one box and making sure I got the box for 25 to 50 cents. He was a great neighbor to my folks.
Penny Ryan-Reid*

Penny Ryan-Reid - September 06, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ *Theron lived on a farm around the corner from my grandparent's farm in Ash Ridge. My grandparents were Freda and Oval Pellett. My brother, Steve and I would visit often. Theron was such a good neighbor to them and helped them often. Theron would tease me as a child and let me ride in the milk truck a few times. Wonderful memories of him. Rest in peace, Theron. Hug my grandad & grandma. Pamela Pellett Erskine Huntsville, TX*

Pam Erskine - September 06, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ *Marilyn Starkey, Cameron Thompson lit a candle in memory of Theron C. Helt*



Marilyn Starkey, Cameron Thompson - September 06, 2016 at 05:00 PM



Theron was a cousin thru my Dads side side James Helt. A very nice person.

Marilyn Starkey, Cameron Thompson - September 06, 2016 at 05:01 PM

CJ

God Bless Theron,,He was a great friend to my grandparents, We bought his old farm and he became our good friend and looked out for us and offered advice. He is our last family tie to the Ridge, He will be truly missed. There is now a great void there.

Chuck Janssen - September 06, 2016 at 09:20 PM

BP

We have lost a good friend we had for many years. A good friend of my Dar's and her family always. Always finding a bargain at an auction and calling to see if she was interested. Had one of the first T.V's on Ash Ridge where we could watch the Hit Parade on Sat. night as a teen ager. Sang while he milked, sang while he played cards. Theron was so good to our kids. Told them where to find morels, took them fishing, Gave them a pony if they could catch him And they did. My family will miss and have many fond memories of our friend Theron. Bruce Perkins.

Bruce Perkins - September 07, 2016 at 05:35 PM

DJ

Theron was such a good friend to all. He was always so thoughtful to Chuck & I specifically. I especially remember all the love that he shared with Grandma & Grandpa Pellett. I remember all the fish he would bring back from trips to the Mississippi River, that he would share with them. He will be missed by all.

Dennis Janssen

Dennis Janssen - September 08, 2016 at 09:42 AM

MF

“ There are so many wonderful memories of Theron like family gatherings or reunions, working with him at auctions and being Leslie Miller's right hand man, enjoying lots of good food together and so much more. Mike will miss his weekly chats with Theron as they exchanged some great stories of the past. He was loved by many because of his joyful way of sharing. Now his body will be at peace. God Bless you Theron!!

Mike & Sharon Frye - September 06, 2016 at 03:51 PM

TM

“ I will remember his wonderful canned foods and all the laughs. RIP you will missed.

Terri Matthes - September 06, 2016 at 08:26 AM

KS

“ Theron was my adopted uncle from the day I was born. So many wonderful memories and stories I have with him. RIP. Bill and Kim (Matthes) Schaefer



Kim schaefer - September 06, 2016 at 03:27 AM