

Welden A. Rasmussen
“Sonne”



Welden Andrus “Sonne” Rasmussen, 96, of Draper, Utah, died of natural causes incident to age on January 8, 2011.

Sonne was born July 26, 1914, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to E. Miller and Mary Jane Andrus Rasmussen. He graduated from Jordan High School, where he played basketball and other sports. He married Ramona Leak in the Salt Lake Temple March 30, 1935. They celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary prior to her death in 2010.

At a young age, Sonne learned to be a hard worker. He began his farming career as he worked along side his father and grandfather assisting them with their animals and gardens. Throughout his lifetime, Sonne continued to farm in one aspect or another in addition to the other jobs he did to support his family. Throughout most of his married life, he raised and sold pigs. Well into his 90’s, he worked six days a week at “Rasmussen Farms” during the harvest season. He was frequently referred to as the “Pumpkin Man” because yearly his yard was transformed into a huge pumpkin patch during the month of October.

In addition to farming, Sonne worked hard in other endeavors. He owned and operated “Sonne’s Market” in Draper from 1952-1966. For 20+ years, he hauled milk from local producers to dairies in Salt Lake City and Ogden. After retiring from this endeavor, he drove a school bus for Jordan School District.

Sonne knew no strangers. Even though he was shy and timid in front of a group of people, he was “Mr. Sociable” on a one-on-one basis. His dry wit provided continual laughs to his family and friends. He was an avid sports fan, particularly BYU basketball and football and the Utah Jazz.

Sonne is survived by children: Craig (Joy), Dianne Allan, Jeffrey (Mary), and Shannon Faulkner (Ken), all of Draper, and Lane (Sue) of Christiansburg, Virginia. He is survived by 21 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife; his oldest son, Kenneth; his son-in-law, Timothy Allan; and four grandchildren, Rosie Rasmussen, Clark Rasmussen, Jeremy Allan, and Hillary Allan; as well as his brother, Milo and his sisters, Ruth Allen, Barbara Fitzgerald, and Merlyne Carter.

Funeral services will be held Monday, January 17th at the Draper 7th Ward, 12300 South 600 East, Draper, at 12:00 noon. A viewing will be held Sunday, January 16th, at Goff Mortuary, 8090 South State, Midvale, from 6-8 p.m. and from 10:30-11:45 a.m. at the church on Monday. Interment will be in the Draper, Utah Cemetery.

Special thanks to Superior Health Care, especially to Tammy and Reneé. Through their extraordinary services, Sonne was able to remain in his home until his passing. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the LDS Perpetual Education Fund or the LDS Humanitarian Fund at www.ldsphilanthropies.org or through your local unit.

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