

MERRILL AND MARY PURRIER FAMILY

Merrill, the son of Joseph and Olive Purrier, was born on September 5, 1857 at Plattsburg, New York. He was one of a family of ten children. When Merrill was only a young boy, his family emigrated to Nicollet County, Minn. near Mankato. In 1893, Merrill was married to Mary Ellen Hodson, who also lived in the Mankato area. Mary was the oldest daughter of James and Minerva Hodson. Five children were born to the Purriers while they lived in Nicollet County.

One day the family went to Judson, Minn., their nearest town, to do some trading, as it was called then. While there, Merrill met Watson Dunham, a friend and neighbor. They also met a land agent by the name of Wadell. He talked the men into going to Clay County to look at land that he wanted to sell. Since both men were of an adventurous nature, they left on the train that very afternoon for Ulen and left Mary with a team of horses hitched to a buggy and five small children to get home the best way she could. Getting home involved fording the Minnesota River. It was a frightening experience. Years later, Olive, took a picture of the place where they crossed--she was a baby at the time. Merrill and Watson purchased the land they had gone to see. It was 320 acres owned by Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Brandvold in Section 4. They paid \$7,000 for it. They also rented the S.O. Holte farm 4 miles east so they could live in the buildings. The land was poor and consisted mostly of a sand ridge. Later that same year, Merrill loaded all of the family and belongings in rail cars and they moved to Clay County. He and Watson went with the train to feed and milk the cows and care for the animals. The family arrived in Ulen early in the morning and they were taken to the Fred Revine restaurant for breakfast and then on to the farm.

The Ole Burud family lived to the north and they were the first neighbors to call. The children called them Mr. and Mrs. Ole. Burud was just too hard to say. Claude Sanford came the next spring and they had many good friends and neighbors while they lived in Hagen. Jesse, Lee, James and Ted went to school in District 56. Some of their teachers were: Ina Anderson, Clara Wiger and Mathilda Rost. The Purriers later moved to the Ole Fuglie farm but still went to the same school.

Mary's sister came from Mankato later and married Watson Dunham. Another brother, Joseph, married Ona Anderson of Hagen. They had many good friends and neighbors in Hagen Township. One of the bad things the family remembers were the dirt storms. At times, the dust blew so bad the children had to hold on to each other to



Jesse, James, Olive, Lee, Ted
Front: Merrill, Lyle, Lucy, Louis, Alice, Mary Purrier.





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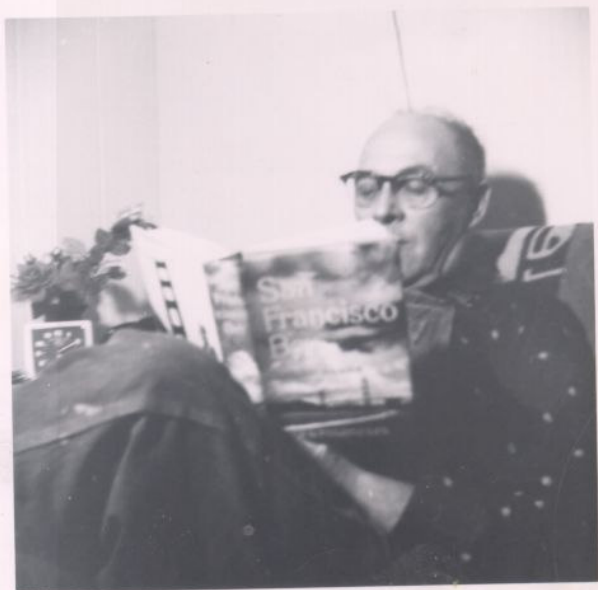








LEE BURRIER APR. 65





4 Generations
G-twt - baby





LEE RUPPIER APR. 65





BIRTHDAY PARTY CONCORD CAL. 60



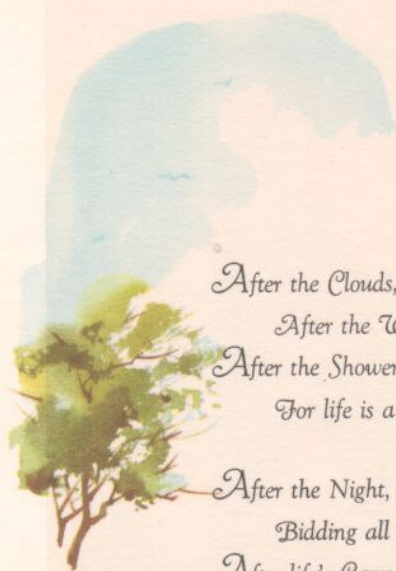
CEMETARY WALWORTH



LEE, JIM, BECK

BILLY

ALICE



*After the Clouds, the Sunshine,
After the Winter, the Spring,
After the Shower, the Rainbow,
For life is a changeable thing;*

*After the Night, the Morning,
Bidding all darkness cease,
After life's Cares and Troubles,
The Comfort and Sweetness
of Peace.*

In Memory of
Jesse M. Hurrier
December 7, 1893 — May 20, 1968

Funeral Services
Walworth Baptist Church
Thursday, May 23rd, 1:30 P. M.
Rev. Charles N. Warder officiating

Special Music
Mr. Steven Lunde, Soloist
Miss Carol Lunde, Pianist

Pallbearers
Eldon Moore Duane Malmkog
Phillip Jensen Arnold Schneidemann
Clarence Stende Raymond Stende

Interment
Walworth Cemetery



DECK, Jim, LEE, Ollie POKRICK





ELDORA, OLLIE, GERTRUDE





OLLIE & PALMER
Granddaughters



OLLIE & LARRY



ELDORA
+
STANLEY



ART & LUCY
Gert Rode
Dorothy

Lucille Burud

The funeral service for Mrs. Lucille Burud, 80, was held Tuesday, March 1, 1994 at 11:00 a.m. in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Ulen, Minnesota. A public prayer service was held Monday at 7:00 p.m., at Korsmo Funeral Chapel in Moorhead. Burial will be at the West Ulen Cemetery.

Lucille Purrier, the daughter of Mary Ellen and Merrill Purrier, was born at rural Ulen, Minnesota on September 16, 1903. Lucille grew up and received her education in the Ulen area.

On April 6, 1935, Lucille was united in marriage to Arthur Burud, at Ulen. They lived in the Ulen area until 1964, when they moved to Moorhead. Arthur, her husband, died on February 2, 1972. After his death, Lucille continued to live at Riverview Heights, where she lived for 23 years. She also was a resident of the Moorhead Manor Retirement Home for a short period of time before becoming a resident of the Moorhead Health Care Center, in 1991.

Lucille Burud died at the Moorhead, Minnesota Health Care Center on Thursday, February 24, 1994, at the age of 90.

She is survived by a daughter, Ardis (Don) Melby of Moorhead; a sister, Olive Stende, of Ulen, Minnesota; a brother, Louis (Pearl) Purrier, of Denver, Colorado; 3 grandchildren, Diane (Brian) Everhart, Dan Melby, and Nikki (Todd) Appersbach; and by 4 great-grandchildren, Marci Everhart, Jodi and Jami Melby, and Tyler Appersbach.

Funeral arrangements are by Korsmo Funeral Service of Moorhead, Minnesota.

Time is the most valuable

In Loving Memory of
LUCILLE BURUD
September 16, 1903 - February 24, 1994

THE PRAYER SERVICE
Monday, February 28, 1994 - 7:00 P. M.
Korsmo Funeral Chapel
Moorhead, Minnesota

THE FUNERAL SERVICE
Tuesday, March 1, 1994 - 11:00 A. M.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Ulen, Minnesota

OFFICIATING
Rev. Loren Fevig

MUSIC BY
The Lunde Family
Carol Lockhart, Organist

THE CASKET BEARERS
Darrel Grande
Jerry Grande
Mike Lockhart
Stanley Lunde
Harlan Nygaard
Berwin Purrier

THE INTERMENT
West Ulen Cemetery
Ulen, Minnesota
Arrangements by
Korsmo Funeral Service
Moorhead, Minnesota

*God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love . . .*





Ted W. Purrier

Ted W. Purrier, retired trucker and farmer and resident of the Ulen area for the last 80 years, passed away at the Viking Manor Home at Ulen on Thursday, June 24th at the age of 83 years.

Funeral services were held at the Walworth Baptist Church near Flom on Monday, June 28th at 10:30 A.M. with the Reverend Virgil Fitch officiating. Phyllis Miller sang, "Precious Lord" and "Surely Goodness and Mercy" was sung by a group of nieces and nephews. The organist was Rachel Brekke. The pallbearers were Donald Melby, Michael Lockhart, Ed Anderson, Alan Lunde, Steven Lunde and Jon Stende with interment in the Walworth Baptist Cemetery. Final military rites were conducted by Charles B. Rikhus Post #412 of the American Legion and Sander Jacobson Post #5115 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Erlien Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Purrier was born Teddy Wilbur Purrier at Mankato, Minnesota, the son of Merrill and Mary Ellen Purrier. He came to the Ulen area with his parents when he was about three years old. He attended country schools and grew up on the farm. He was a veteran of World War I. He had never married.

A trucker for many years, he hauled sand and gravel and he farmed for several years. He was a life long member of the Walworth Baptist Church. He had been a resident of the Viking Manor Nursing Home for the last three years.

He is survived by one brother and by two sisters: Louis Purrier of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Olive Stende of Ulen and Mrs. Lucille Burud of Moorhead. There are also several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

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We want to express our gratitude to everyone at the Viking Manor for all the kindnesses and care given to Ted in his last days. We wish to thank Pastor Fitch and all those who helped with the funeral and to the ladies of the Walworth Baptist Church for the nice luncheon. Thanks to everyone for all their kind expressions of sympathy.

THE FAMILY OF TED PURRIER







Alice & Jim



Alice & Her
Mother







PURMER FAMILY



GRAND MA, Aunt Della, Gertrude, Joyce Lucy
Marey

Mrs. Mary Purrier



Mary Ellen Hodson was born July 4, 1872 to parents, James and Minerva Hodson at Nicollet, Minnesota, near Mankato. She resided there until 1893 when she was united in marriage to Merrill Purrier of the same community.

In 1902 she moved with her husband and family to a farm west of Ulen. They farmed there until November 1911, when they moved to the home farm in Walworth township, where she lived until she moved to Ulen in 1948 where resided until her death. She was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage on April 4 and was taken to the hospital at Ada where she remained until she died on July 6, 1957, at the age of 85 years and 2 days.

She is survived by the following sons, Lee of Hawley, Jesse, James Ted and Louis of Ulen; and daughters, Mrs. Palmer (Olive) Stende, Mrs. Arthur (Lucille) Burud, both of Ulen, and Mrs. James (Alice) Wheeler of Burbank, California; brothers, Joseph of Detroit Lakes, George of Everett, Washington, and Schuyler of Los Angeles, Cal.; sisters, Mrs. Ida Kerns of Eagle Lake, and Mrs. Della Titus of Cashmere, Wash. She also leaves to mourn her passing 13 grand children, 23 great-grand children and numerous neices and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Merrill, in 1925; her son Lyle, and a grandson, Dale Purrier.

She was a member of the Walworth Baptist Church and Ladies Aid and had served as clerk of the local school board for many years.

Funeral services were held July 10 at 2 P. M. at the Walworth Church with Pastor Boomgarden officiating.

Pallbearers were Leslie Moore, Ernest Swenson, Burley Stumbo,

Mary Ellen Purrier

July 4, 1872 — July 6, 1957

Services at

Walworth Baptist Church
Wednesday, July 10th, 2:00 P. M.
Rev. Lloyd Boomgarden officiating

Music by

Mrs. Clarence Stende, Soloist
Mrs. Lloyd Boomgarden, Pianist

Pallbearers

Leslie Moore	Frank Anderson
Ernest Swenson	Raymond Stende
Burley Stumbo	Paul Jensen

Interment in

Walworth Cemetery

Arrangements by

Wagstrom Funeral Home

Twin Valley, Minnesota







Lois Dunham Joffe



Lois & Ed Daigleish



Joyce, Lois, Aunt Nell, Gasthodes, Dorothy



At Frances 75th Birthday
at Lois's



Great Grand mother Minnie Wicks



MORE LIKE THIS CAN BE HAD AT ANY TIME AT KEENE'S GALLERY MANKATO





Joseph Purrier Born Oct. 15, 1817 Died Dec. 13, 1882



OLIVE Purrier Born August 20, 1832 Died Feb. 19, 1888



MERRILL & MARY PURRIER



Wanda - Margaret
Judy
Mary Helen
Margaret

A Poem.

I I am not old.

I am not old. though folks may say: That I am aging every day. Though I am weak at times I know. That in my weakness I can go to Christ who strengthens me. and so. I am not old.

II I am not old. though sight grows dim. I still can feel the hand of Him who leads me o'er the darkened way. Still guiding that I might not stray; and so I still can ~~say~~; safely say; I am not old.

III I am not old. though up in years. Life's twilight holds for me no fears; Because I know my destiny, and that my Savior waits for me. To renew my youth, and so you see, I am not old.

IV I am not old. though this old shell. In which I dwell, are shall fall. When trials ~~are there~~ ^{over} get I, within shall upward soar. and go on living evermore. I am not old.

Thank you for the
happy day when you
were and we were
to see you from
the top of the
mountain.

Dear Gertrude -

I will put a little in
with Dorothy's, we are
all O.K. down here except
of course lonesome for
you, we went to Ulin
last night to a dunking
ball game and the kids
all enjoyed it the Junior
went to sleep going down
so missed it. Your turkeys
are all alive but I'm
plowing for spuds today
but will have to go
with cream this morning
have not heard a word
about you since I saw
you last hope we get a