

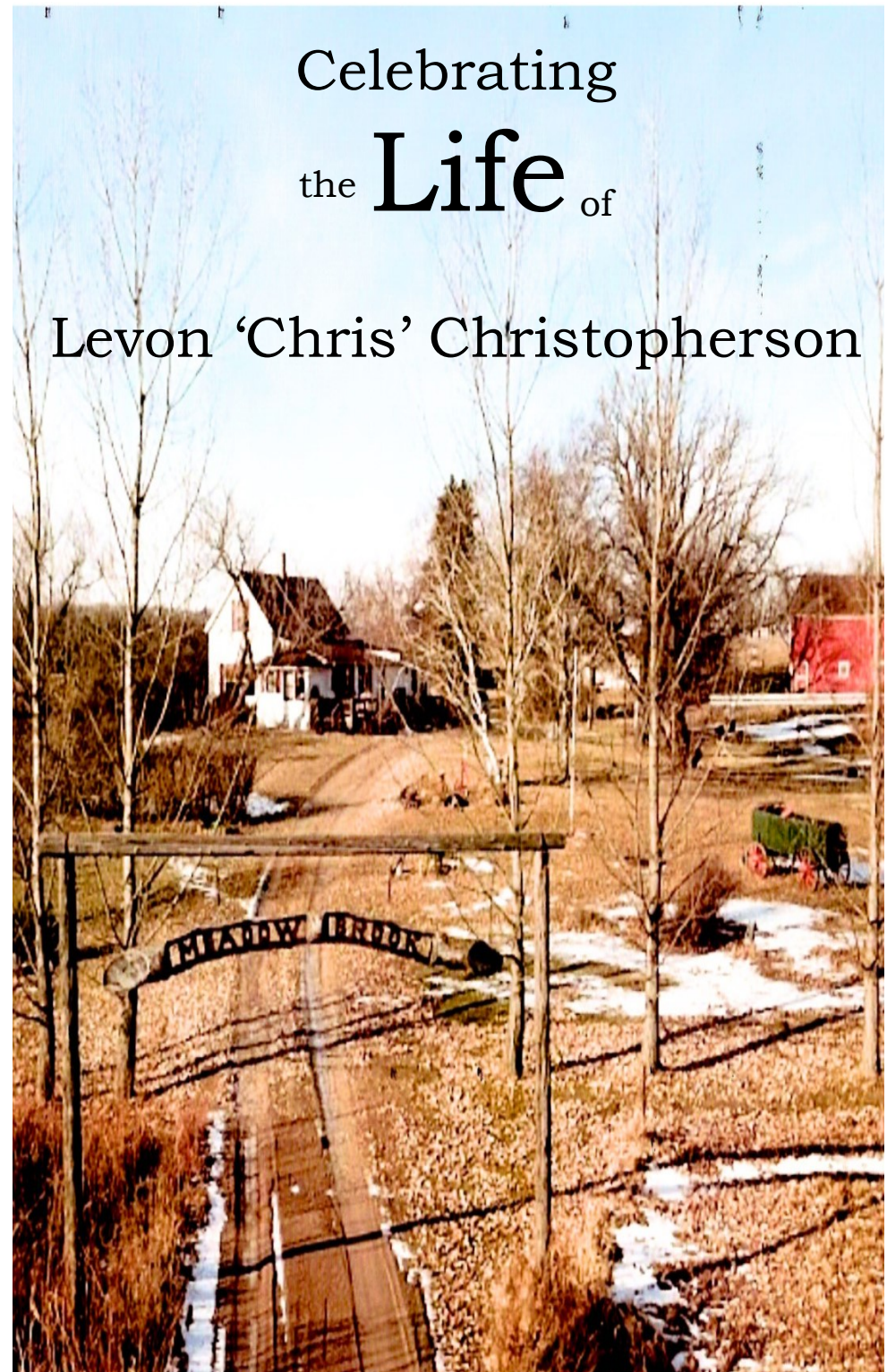
Remembering the Life....

Levon 'Chris' Oreth Christopherson was born on September 4, 1931, in Wadena, Minnesota the son of Fred and Ella (Bogen) Christopherson. He was baptized and confirmed in Nidaros Lutheran Church, attended the Vining School, then attended the Battle Lake Public School, where he was class president for four years, and a star basketball player, graduating in 1949. He enlisted into the US Navy, serving four years as a Medic, and was stationed at the Naval Base in San Diego, California. He was in law enforcement in Minneapolis, working with Gary Nelson with the BCA. Chris started Port-A-Lube in Minneapolis, a company with equipped service trucks servicing truck fleets in the metro area, and franchises were started all over the United States. He invented and patented the "Gopher Getter Junior" which was sold in stores all over the country.

Chris and Diane Lee were married on March 21, 1969 in Minneapolis, MN. They adopted two daughters, Tonja in 1976 and Nikki in 1984. They sold the trucking company and moved to Clitherall, MN. They opened an animal park and petting zoo along with a store by Old Town Camp. They purchased Otter Tail Lake Campground on Ottertail Lake along with owning the Battle Lake Laundromat and operated these businesses for twenty-one years. Chris then became a Real Estate Broker, sold real estate and he also drove school bus for the Battle Lake School for 29 years. He enjoyed music and singing, animals; especially his cows and horses, loved sports but most important to him was his family.

He is survived by his wife, Diane; two daughters, Tonja (Dr. Walter Samuel) McKay and Nikki (Joel) Smith; ten grandchildren: Brooklyn (Jarret) Martinson, Austin and Victoria Wensauer, Zoey McKenzie, Bohdan Samuel, Maverick Samuel, Skye and Millie Samuel, Nicholas (Hattie) Smith, Allison (Cory) Pace; two great-grandchildren Lincoln and Reagan Martinson; sister-in-law, Arlene Christopherson; and by numerous relatives and friends. Chris was preceded in death by four siblings, Orvell (Bea) Christopherson, Howard (Carol) Christopherson, Clayton Christopherson and Shirley (John) Huseby.

Blessed be the Memory of Levon 'Chris'



Celebrating
the **Life** of

Levon 'Chris' Christopherson

Footprints

One night I had a dream. I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and across the skies flashed scenes from my life. In each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand.

One was mine, and one was the Lord's.

When the last scene of my life appeared before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand, and to my surprise I noticed that many times along the path of my life there was only one set of footprints.

And I noticed that it was at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

I asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you would walk with me all the way. But I notice that during the most troublesome times in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why you left my side when I needed you most."

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, where you see only one set of footprints, I was carrying you."



In Loving Memory Of Levon 'Chris' Christopherson September 4, 1931 ~ June 13, 2024

Funeral Service

Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 11:00am
Nidaros Lutheran Church
Clitherall, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Ryan Stout

Music

Dianne Bjerketvedt, organist
Granddaughters: Brooklyn and Victoria, singers
"How Great Thou Art"
"I Love To Tell the Story"
Dennis and Melissa Fronning, singers
"Morning Has Broken"
"Day By Day"
"Softly And Tenderly"
"How Long Has It Been"
"In The Garden"
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
"Because He Lives"

Congregational Hymns

"Amazing Grace" ELW 779
"The Old Rugged Cross" Insert

Urnbearers

Dr. Walter Samuel, Joel Smith, Jerry Christopherson,
Austin Wensauer, Billy Nelson, Brett Nelson

Private Interment

Family Farm

Appreciation

Chris's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by

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