

## Theodore "Tater" Gollobit, 85

Sept. 19, 1922 - June 11, 2008

**MANILLA**—Theodore Fredrick "Tater", son of Mathias Thomas and Emma Mary (Schnuettgen) Gollobit, was born Sept. 19, 1922 in Earling, IA. He was raised on the family farm in Shelby county and attended country school. After his schooling Tater began farming with his father. When he was 19, his father died and Tater became the caring provider for his mom and nine younger siblings. Tater loved to fly airplanes and even used his plane to court Donna, the love of his life.

March 27, 1951 Tater was united in marriage with Donna Goeres in Defiance, IA. Four children were born into this union and the family made their home on Tater's family farm. In 1987 he moved to Manilla but continued to help out on the farm with his son Bruce. Besides flying, Tater's passions included restoring and collecting antique tractors and engines in the old blacksmith shop in Manilla. He loved to open the shop and show his work to others. Tater also enjoyed attending antique tractor shows. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Church in Manilla and the N.F.O., Greenridge and Klondike. For the last four years Tater courageously battled cancer. March 2008, he became a resident of the Manilla Manor where he died June 11, 2008 at the age of 85 years, 8 months and 23 days.

Tater was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Odella Wenzel, Richard Gollobit and Edna Schute. He is survived by his wife Donna Gollobit of Manilla; children: Peggy Gollobit of Manilla; Nancy and husband Ron Williams of Hartley; Sharon and husband Jeff Pitts of Polk City and Bruce Gollobit and wife Lanora of Manilla; grandchildren: Kyle Williams and wife Julie of Norwalk; Kayla Williams of Hartley and Dillon Pitts of Polk City; great-grandchildren Ashley and Alayna Williams; siblings Mary Armstrong of Largo, FL; Dorothy Schoeppner of Palmdale, CA; Imelda Ward of Omaha, NE; Joseph Gollobit of Omaha, NE; John Gollobit of Pierce, NE and Thomas Gollobit of Omaha, NE; many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation and prayers were held Friday, June 13, 2008 with 6:30 p.m. rosary with John Gollobit and 7:00 p.m. prayer service with Fr. Gralapp officiating at Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla, IA. Mass of Christian. Burial was held Saturday, June 14, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla, IA with Reverend Robert Gralapp celebrating. Lectors were Dorothy Schoeppner and Ron Williams. Eucharistic ministers were Nancy Williams, Norbert Kasperbauer and Steve Vollstedt. Gift bearers were Theodore's grandchildren. Mass servers were Kristen Vollstedt and Jordan Kenkel. Music was "Be Not Afraid", "Prayer of St. Francis", "Table of Plenty",



"On Eagle's Wings", with the Sacred Heart Choir and Marilyn Backhaus, organist. Casket bearers were Matt Gollobit, Vernon Gollobit, Paul Gollobit, Mike Gollobit, Kyle Williams, Dillon Pitts, Kyle Simonsen, and Mike Mills. Interment was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Manilla, IA.

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