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Greetings from Manfred!

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Ed and Celia Olstad's House

Celia standing by the white post.

Ed and Celia Olstad

Husband's Full Name: Edwin Olstad

Husband's Place of Birth: Heimdal Township

Husband's Father's Name: John Theodore Olstad

Husband's Mother's Name: Alena Olstad

Husband's Siblings' Names: Clara Roalsvig, Hilda Shield, Henry, Norrin, Tillman, Edna Erickson Lien, Hazel Bjertness, Morris

Wife's Full Name: Celia Natland Olstad

Wife's Place of Birth: Manfred Township

Wife's Father's Name: Lars Natland

Wife's Mother's Name: Tomine Erfjord

Wife's Siblings' Names: Sam, Hannah Nedervold, Selmer, Lyness, Myrtle Thompson

Ed and Celia Olstad

Ed Olstad was born and raised on the family farm in Heimdal Township, Wells County, and received his education in the Heimdal Township Country School. As a young man he worked as a farm laborer for a number of farmers in the Manfred area. He later enlisted in the U.S. Army during WWI and served in the U.S. Cavalry. Upon being discharged he returned to the Manfred area and continued as a farm laborer for a few years.

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In the early 1930s he began working on road construction crews throughout the State as a heavy equipment operator. On May 7, 1938 he married Celia Natland in Williston. Celia was born and raised in the Manfred area. They bought their home in Manfred in 1946 from Nennie Johnson's estate. Ed lived there until 1979, and Celia until 1966. They were members of Vang Lutheran Church. Ed made beautiful jewelry from stones he polished in his workshop just back of the kitchen.

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One brother, Norin, of Woodland, CA, three sisters, Mrs. Clara Roalsvig of Beach, Mrs. Hazel Bjertness of Mayville, and Mrs. Edna Lien of Wild Rose survived him.

Celia is pictured at a neighbor's birthday party, taken about 1955.

Ed is pictured with his trusty riding lawn mower, which he used to help make Manfred look nice. Taken about 1974.



Celia Olstad



Ed Olstad