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## Greetings from Manfred!

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## Berger and Olive Rodne

Husband's Full Name: Berger Rodne  
Husband's Place of Birth: Fram Township, Wells Co, ND  
Husband's Father's Name: Ole L. Rodne  
Husband's Mother's Name: Anna O. Lunde  
Husband's Siblings' Names: Lars (Inez Erickson); Oliver (Inga Overland); Arthur, Otto, Alfred (Mabel Dovre); Carl (Agnes Stenerson); Gena (Lirgg); Laura (Bill Cook); Sena (Andrew Hillesland)  
Wife's Full Name: Olive Stenerson Rodne  
Wife's Place of Birth: Dodge, Dunn Co, ND  
Wife's Father's Name: Erick Stenerson  
Wife's Mother's Name: Christina Knutson Stenerson  
Wife's Siblings' Names: Orville (Bernice), Agnes (Carl Rodne)  
Children's Names: Karen (Gerry Beutler); Otto, Mark, Paul

## **Berger and Olive Rodne**

Berger Rodne was born September 1, 1913 to Ole L. and Anna Rodne near Manfred, N.D. He grew up on the family farm and attended a rural school located two miles from his home. Often these one-room schoolhouses had as many as 40-50 pupils from grades one to eight, with only one teacher in charge.

In his late teens, Berger became interested in artwork and did oil paintings of both scenic views and portraits. Some of these he sold to museums for display.

On April 6, 1952, Berger married Olive Stenerson of Dodge, N.D. at Seattle, Washington. Olive was born on April 3, 1920 at Dodge. She graduated from Dickinson State College and Lutheran Bible Institute and taught seven years in western N.D. prior to their marriage.

In 1954, Ole L. Rodne sold the farm to his son, Berger who still lives on the farmstead.

Berger has been active in the community, serving on the school board in Fram Township before the reorganization of the Harvey school district. He later served six years on the Harvey Board of Education. He also has done evangelistic preaching, taking him to churches in North Dakota and Minnesota. He also has enjoyed writing and sharing his poetry and caring for his "stabburs" on the farm.

Olive and Berger had four children;

Karen (Gerry Beutler) born February 14, 1953 in Seattle, WA now living in Fargo, N.D.:

Otto born January 18, 1955 at Harvey, N.D and now living in Minneapolis, MN;  
Mark born November 3, 1956, in Harvey, lived in Minneapolis and died in Acapulco, Mexico in April, 1984;  
Paul born June 5, 1959 in Harvey and died September 1, 1977 at Minot, N.D.

Berger and Olive have two grandchildren, Joshua Pallansch born February 10, 1976 in Fargo, N.D., now living in Minneapolis MN and Kelli Pallansch born December 12, 1977 in Fargo and is living in Seattle, WA.

Written by Olive Rodne for the Harvey area history book with additions by Karen Rodne Beutler

### **Berger Rodne's Obituary**

Berger was born on September 1, 1913 on the family farm near Manfred, N.D. He was the son of Ole L. Rodne and Anna (Lunde) Rodne. He attended school in Fram Township, Wells County. He farmed with his father until 1956 when he purchased the family farm and lived there until his death. He married Olive Stenerson of Dodge, N.D. on April 6, 1952 in Seattle, Washington. They lived and farmed near rural Manfred. In his early thirties Berger experienced a longing for God and gave his heart to the Lord. He later felt the call to serve as a lay pastor. This took him to several states where he conducted evangelistic meetings. Berger was a former member of the Bethel Lutheran Church near Manfred where he was baptized and confirmed. He was currently a member of Trinity Bethany Lutheran Church in Harvey. He ran for the N.D. Agriculture Commissioner office in 1976. He was involved in various political causes. He served on the South Fram and Harvey Public School boards. Berger was an avid fisherman and hunter. He became a published poet and attended poetry conventions in California and Nevada after he retired. He was a yearly exhibitor at the Høstfest in Minot where he displayed his Norwegian stabbur.

Berger is survived by his wife Olive; daughter and son-in-law Karen and Gerry Beutler, Fargo; son, Otto, Minneapolis; two grandchildren, Joshua Pallansch, Minneapolis, Kelli Pallansch, Seattle; two step-grandchildren, Sheila, Moorhead, MN and Shannon, Rancho Cucamonga, CA; five step-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Mark and Paul; seven brothers and three sisters as well as many nieces and nephews and cousins.



**Karen, Olive, Josh ,Berger, Kelli, Otto**