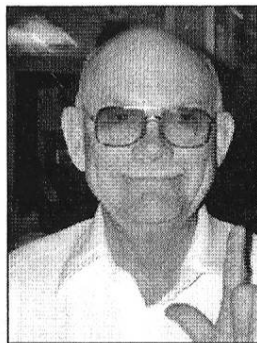


Arvin W. Massey

Community Service



Arvin Massey was born in Burton, Neb. on April 4, 1928, son of Loren and Mildred Massey. He moved to Jefferson, S.D. when he was a little boy. Massey attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) and graduated in 1947. Following graduation, he worked at the SDSD farm for two years (1947–49). After that, he worked as a hired man at a farm in Iowa. Later, Massey worked at John Morrell for 35 years and retired in 1985. He also worked part-time as a houseparent at SDSD for 15 years.

Massey has been an officer in every organization in the area, including SDAD, the Chat and Nibble Club, Sioux Falls Club for the Deaf, the National Fraternal Society for the Deaf and Deaf Senior Citizens. He has also been very active in many other organizations, especially the Trinity Lutheran Church for the Deaf.

Massey once worked for CSD as a security guard for the South Dakota relay center. He also drove a bus for six months for SDSD students traveling to Pierre or Aberdeen. Finally, he has volunteered to work in the snack bar at the deaf center for the last four years and has been driving the van — picking up groceries for the deaf center, taking people to doctor's appointments, etc. — for five years.

Over the years, Massey has given his personal time to help many in the deaf community and is one of its best volunteers; *he is affectionately thought of as "Mother Teresa."*