

Lyle Fett, age 79, of Frazee, MN, passed away peacefully under the care of Red River Valley Hospice, surrounded by family on Monday, October 22, 2018.

Lyle Fett was born in Frazee, MN on March 13, 1939. He graduated from Frazee High School in 1957. After high school he served in the Army Reserves. He enrolled in Pre-engineering at North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND in 1958.

From there he went to work as a food technologist at General Mills Research in 1960. He married Dianne Mindermann in 1964 and they had three children; Lori, Lisa and Derek (Sam). In 1965 Lyle joined Fingerhut and was a plant manager at their Sauk Center location. In 1970 he joined Mobility Inc., a manufacturer of agricultural equipment as a manufacturing manager. In 1974 he was named a Vice President of Mobility.

In 1977 he bought Molson Lake Lodge. It was a small lodge owned by a Cree Indian near Norway House, Manitoba. Dianne joined him as CFO and they turned it into one of the largest fly in fishing lodges in Canada. He expanded into hunting and became an outfitter in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and North Dakota.

In 1979 he started Northland Ag, an agricultural equipment distributorship. In 1991 he closed his distributorship and started a booking company for hunting and fishing in the USA and Canada. It was successful and he expanded into booking hunting, fishing and photo safaris in Africa. He and Dianne hosted many of these safaris.

In 1999 he sold Molson Lake lodge back to the Native tribe he bought it from and then managed it for them the next nine years



with the help of his son, Sam. In 2008 they semi-retired and built a log home housing their many hunting trophies on the family farm on Graham Lake near Frazee.

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Lyle was a lifelong sports enthusiast. In high school he lettered in football, basketball and track and played football at NDSSS. Besides fishing and hunting he enjoyed skiing and golf. He took many hunting and fishing trophies in the western United States, Canada, Africa and Siberia. Dianne helped coordinate these trips and joined him on many of these expeditions. They enjoyed foreign travel to many destinations around the world and had many unique and unusual experiences.

Lyle was a member of the Fargo Elks, Legion and Detroit Lakes Methodist church. While his children were in school in West Fargo he was active in Packer Backers and High School Rodeo. He was on the Board of Directors for the West Fargo Hockey club and helped raise money for the building of the first West Fargo Hockey arena.

He was a devoted husband and father. Dianne and their children were all sports enthusiasts as well. The family enjoyed the many hunting, fishing, skiing and golf outings they had together over much of the USA and Canada. Hunting deer on the farm was an annual family affair. Lyle was an ardent Vikings, Timberwolves, Twins and Gopher fan. In his final years he enjoyed wildlife habitat work on his farm near Frazee and spending time at their lake home with family and his three granddaughters.



Lyle is survived by his wife Dianne, daughters Lori (Mark) Fett Trosen, Lisa (Nick) Jordheim and son Sam (Stacey) Fett, his beloved granddaughters, Alexis Trosen and Sydney and Sophia Fett. He is also survived by sisters-in-law Donna Fett and Shirley Fett, Ruby Snethen, Linda (Roger) Hersom and brother-in-law David Thelen, and many nieces and nephews.

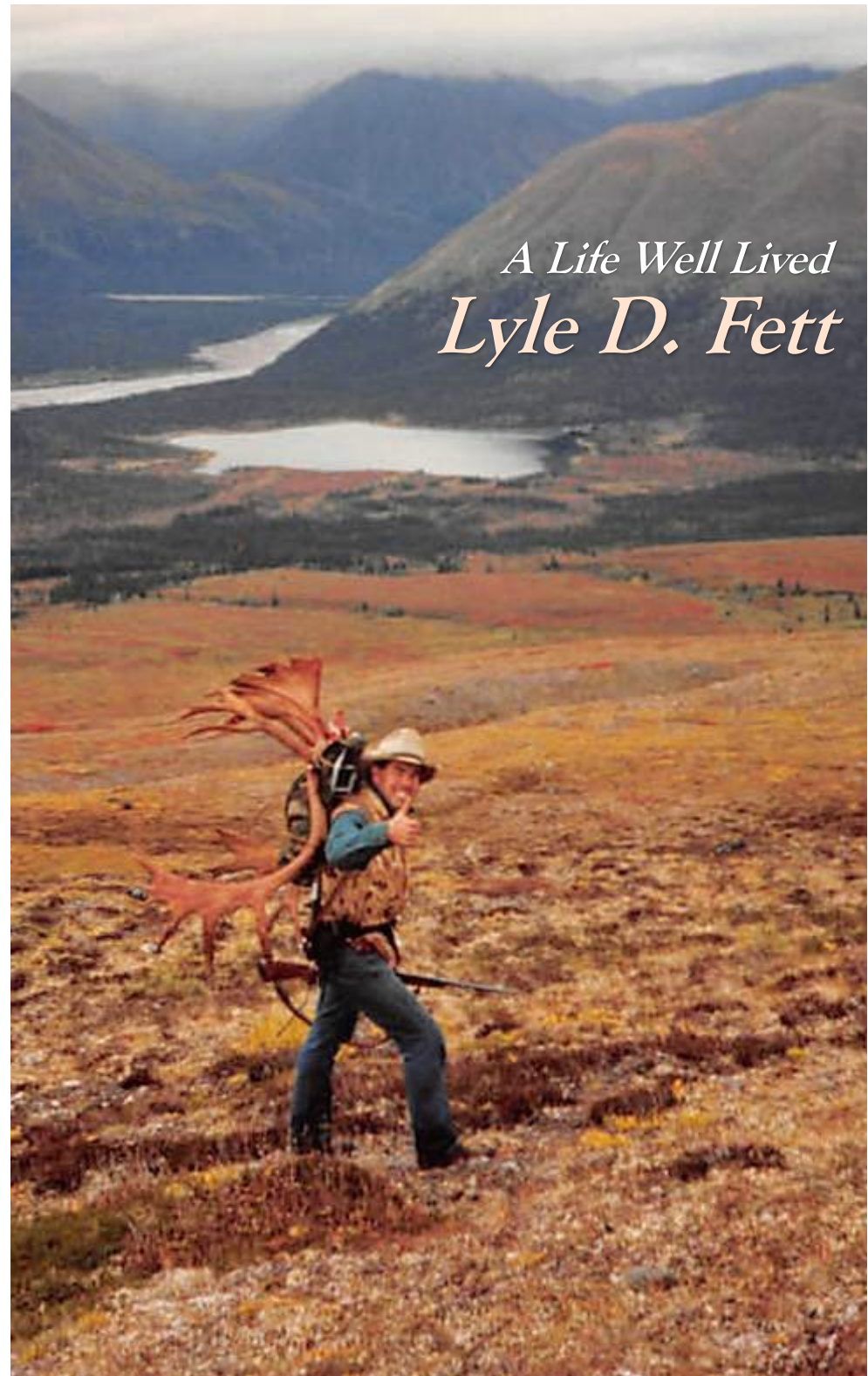
He was preceded in death by his parents Cecil and Margaret (Tobiason) Fett; his brothers: Cecil, Anders, and infant baby boy; along with five sisters: Jean, Gloria, JoAnne, Helen and Patricia; brother-in-law Gerald Snethen, sister-in-law Pearl Naglich, nephew Barry Thelen and niece Michelle Koljonen.

TO PASS ON TO MY KIDS:

- Believe in people no matter how hard you get burned.
- Look at positive aspects no matter how bleak things may look.
- We gave you our best traits—use them.
- Do not equate success with fiscal gain or how important you are, but instead with your own value of self-worth. When I was comfortable with this it was like someone lifted a weight off my shoulder.
- Remember family will be there when there is no one else. Stay in touch with each other.
- Work hard—that is the key to success. We may all live under the same sun but we do not have the same horizon.
- No sad eyes—remember how blessed we have been.
- We may have been hard but we wanted you kids to have value and to be the young adults that you have turned out to be. We are so proud!
- Most important—no tears—we have enjoyed the life style and closeness that many others have not. Live your life and I'll see you in the Big Sky Above.

Love, Dad

Note: Lyle wrote this many years ago to be passed on to our children after he passed. Although this was written for our children I thought it should be shared. ~Dianne



**I farmed the land,
I tramped the wood.
These are the things I understood.**

**No grand schemes, they passed me by
... I knew the lake, the hills, the sky.**

**To hunt a deer, to wet a line,
Gifts from God,
so good and fine. ➤**

**Friends and Kin, I loved them so,
altho I'm gone, I'm sure they know
I'm now at peace,
life's battles done,
I've faced the foe and I have won.**



A Life Well Lived
Lyle D. Fett

Date of Birth
March 13, 1939
Frazee, Minnesota

Date of Death
October 22, 2018
Frazee, Minnesota

Memorial Service

Saturday, October 27, 2018 ~ 11:00am
Detroit Lakes United Methodist Church
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiant

Pastor Brenda North

Special Music

“Love Devine”.....Linda Hersom, Sister-in-Law, Pianist

“Amazing Grace”.....Sandra Halla, Niece, Vocalist and
Linda Hersom, Sister-in-Law, Pianist

“How Great Thou Art”.....Denise Fredrickson, Niece, Pianist and
Ta Fett, Niece, Vocalist

“Just As I Am”.....Donna Galbrecht, Niece, Vocalist and
Linda Hersom, Sister-in-Law, Pianist

“Wind Beneath My Wings”.....Linda Hersom, Sister-in-Law, Pianist

Readings

“The Smoke Jumper” by Nicholas Evans.....Sam Fett, Son

Psalm 23Lisa Jordheim, Daughter

Job 12:7-10.....Lori Fett Trosen, Daughter

Interment

Lakeside Columbarium
Frazee, Minnesota