



Harold L. Gjersvig, 76, of Detroit Lakes, MN passed away peacefully at home on July 26, 2022.

Harold was born April 8, 1946, in Detroit Lakes to Henry M. Gjersvig and Lois M. (Cook) Gjersvig. He grew up on the family dairy farm north of Detroit Lakes where he developed many of his skills and passions – fishing, hunting, woodworking, old tractors, and anything mechanical. Harold graduated from Detroit Lakes High School in 1964, and from MN State University in Moorhead, MN, with a degree in Manual Arts Therapy in 1974. He often said he was on the

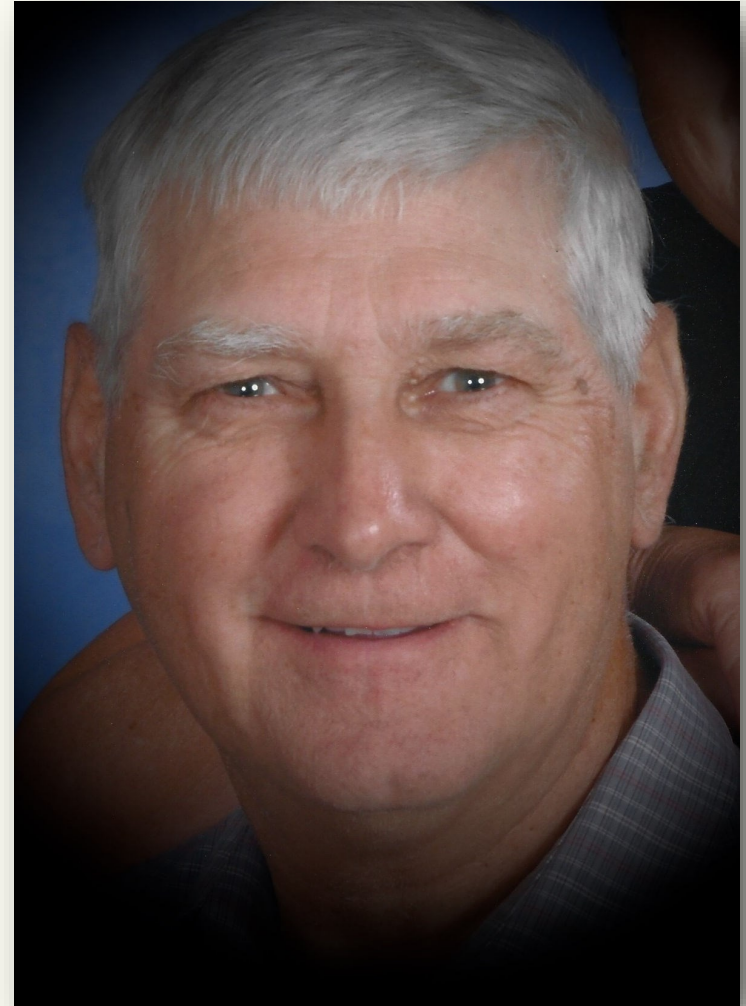
ten-year plan.

The early part of his career was spent operating heavy equipment, I-29 and the Garrison Diversion Project were two major projects on which he worked. He served six years as a member of the Minnesota National Guard. Harold believed in a life of service and was dedicated to helping others. His 31-year career as a Vocational Rehabilitation Therapist, helping veterans at VA Hospitals, exemplified this passion. He also volunteered with several organizations including his church, the Oakdale Fire Department, and the Handishop Industries of Tomah, WI.

He met his loving wife, Vicki Schmidt, the summer of 1966, and they married on July 27, 1968. Harold and Vicki raised their three children in Tomah, WI, where they lived for more than 30 years. After retiring, he returned to the family farm north of Detroit Lakes where he remodeled and expanded the house and restored the 100-year-old barn.

Harold is survived by his wife Vicki; his three married children. Michael (Bobbie) Gjersvig, of Maple Grove, MN; Elizabeth (Chad) Cooper, of Little Falls, MN, and Emily (Jay) Hanson, of Medora, ND. Three grandchildren, Samuel Gjersvig, Matthew Cooper, and Grace Cooper. Siblings Bonnie (Harold) Vastag, Hobart, WI; Wayne (Karen) Gjersvig, Baraboo, WI; Allen (Bev) Gjersvig, Mesa, AZ; Karen (Gary) Stenberg, Detroit Lakes, MN; and Thomas (Leita) Gjersvig, Mankato, MN; and ten nieces and nephews.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents and will be interred at Bakke Lutheran Church, rural Detroit Lakes, MN, where he was baptized, confirmed and where his family has strong connections. His grandparents Malina and Haakon Gjersvig were charter members, and his parents married there and were lifelong members. Harold and Vicki were active members of Bakke Lutheran Church since their return to Detroit Lakes.



Remembering
Harold

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

In Loving Memory of

Harold L. Gjersvig

Born

April 8, 1946
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Died

July 26, 2022
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Funeral Services

Tuesday-August 2, 2022-11:00 a.m.
Bakke Lutheran Church
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated by

Kim Schnitzer

Readings by

Allan Gjersvig

Pianist

Jean Erickson

Soloist

Kim Schnitzer

Pall Bearers

Paul Vastag Eric Gjersvig
Beret Sealock Samuel Gjersvig
Matthew Cooper Grace Cooper

Interment

Bakke Lutheran Cemetery
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota