

Francis “Frank” Eugene Gillespie was born on September 24, 1945, in Graceville, Minnesota the son of Dale and Joyce (Anderson) Gillespie. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Chokio and in 1964 graduated from Chokio High School. After graduation Frank served his country in the United States Army.

After being Honorably Discharged he returned to Minnesota where ran his parent’s bar “Dutch and Joyce’s Bar” in Garfield from 1967 – 1976. He then moved to Elbow Lake where he did a variety of jobs before moving to Detroit Lakes where he worked for UBC Lumberyard from 1985-1987. In 1987, he started working for Swifts Turkey Plant till 1992 and then Wausau Building Supplies until his retirement in 2000.

Frank enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, and spending time with his dog, Molly. He will be remembered as honest, generous man who loved kids.

Frank died on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at the Veteran’s Hospital in Fargo at the age of 77. He is survived by his significant other, Sheila; children: Patricia (Jeff) Ross of Pelican Rapids, Ronald Overson of Detroit Lakes, Michael (Chessica) Overson of Glyndon; eight grandchildren; brothers: Delbert Gillespie of Palmhurst, TX, Verl (Starr) Gillespie of Palmhurst, TX, Darrell (Gwen) Gillespie of Ashby; sisters: Glenda Stokes of Alexandria, and Linda Fahlin of Garfield; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Joyce; and nephews: Trevor Gillespie & Tanner Stokes.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Eagle’s Healing Nest. www.eagleshealingnest.org/donate

In Loving Memory



Frank E. Gillespie 1945 ~ 2023

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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the 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 savoured 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 Memory of Francis “Frank” E. Gillespie

September 24, 1945



May 20, 2023

Funeral Service
Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, May 26, 2023
10:30 AM



Officiant

Reverend John Martinson

Casket Bearers

Troy Gillespie	Terry Gillespie
Michael Overson	Ron Overson
Dean Johnson	Bob Earley

Honorary Casket Bearers (Frank’s Grandchildren)

Ashley, Austin, Brittany, Brendon, Kendra
Brayden, Isabella, and Easton

Military Honors

Chokio American Legion Post 629
Minnesota National Honor Guard

Interment

Chokio Lutheran Cemetery
Chokio, Minnesota