

Eugene Martin Holmquist Sr., the son of Arvid and Elvira (Pearson) Holmquist was born on January 31, 1931, in Clarissa, MN. He attended country school and then helped his family on their farm near Clarissa. Eugene met the love of his life, Elaine Bruder and together they were united in marriage on July 1, 1961, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Long Prairie. Four children were born to this union, Martin, Michael, Eugene Jr., and Debra.

Eugene and his family lived in various communities throughout central Minnesota. Eugene worked for numerous farmers as a farm hand until he moved to Osakis in 1975. He then began working as a tire repairman at Deluxe Oil until he retired.

Fishing, hunting, playing whist, tinkering with things in his garage and snowmobiling were just a few of the hobbies Eugene enjoyed. His favorite past-time was gardening. Eugene cared for huge gardens, where he grew various vegetables. He proudly shared his bounty with his family and friends. Eugene was a hard worker and a very active man. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and had the ability to talk with just about anyone. He will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Eugene M. Holmquist died on Friday, September 18, 2020, at Knute Nelson in Alexandria at the age of 89 years old. He is survived by his loving wife, Elaine Holmquist of Alexandria; sons, Martin (fiancé Jennifer LaBounty) Holmquist of Alexandria, Michael Holmquist of Alexandria, and Eugene (Amy) Holmquist Jr. of Long Prairie; daughter, Debra (Jason) Miland of Alexandria; seven grandchildren, Michael Holmquist, Christopher Holmquist, Jacob Holmquist, Kessy Holmquist, Isaac Sells, McKenzie Miland, and Garrett Miland; four great grandchildren, Lance, Myles, Axel, and Remington Holmquist.

Eugene was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Dale Holmquist and Marvin Holmquist.

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

In Memory of

Eugene Martin Holmquist Sr.

January 31, 1931



September 18, 2020

Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home Chapel
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, September 25, 2020
10:30 AM

Officiant

Reverend Melody Warren

Special Music

"How Great Thou Art"
"On Eagles Wings"
"Amazing Grace"
"Seven Spanish Angels"

Interment

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