

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 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.*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Marvin F. Kangas

NOVEMBER 27, 1945 – JUNE 12, 2023



Services At:
Saturday — June 17, 2023 — 11:00 a.m.
Anderson Funeral Home — Alexandria, Minnesota

Officiating Clergy:
Pastor Ed Borchardt

Honorary Urnbearers:
Alexis & Brandon King
Katie Kangas
Stacey Kangas

Interment:
Finnish Apostolic Cemetery
Moe Township, Minnesota

Marvin Kangas was born on November 27, 1945 to Stella (Heikkinen) and Henry Kangas on the family farm in Urness Township, rural Minnesota. He was the youngest of seven children. There was a seven-year age gap between the last sibling and him, so he learned many things from his older siblings, especially his sister, Loretta. Marvin had a deep appreciation for the farm he grew up on, so he purchased it from his father, and he would live there his entire life. Marvin liked the animals on the farm, but he loved the machinery and was an amazing mechanic. He attended school in Kensington and graduated in 1963 from Evansville High School.

After graduation, Marvin took a travelling job installing fire safety equipment at grain elevators. While working in Beulah, North Dakota, he stopped to eat at a café and met Dorothy Rose Schutt. They quickly became a couple, and Marvin endured many seven-hour commutes to see her during their courtship. After their wedding on January 15, 1972, Marvin and Dorothy moved back to the farm in Moe Township.

Together, Marvin and Dorothy welcomed two children: Kevin and Jennifer. Dorothy was his world and the two could hold a whole conversation without saying a word. They were an inseparable pair, Marvin even refused to leave her side whenever Dorothy had hospital stays. The two enjoyed gardening together, mowing the lawn as a pair, and because Dorothy loved horses, he even gave horseback riding a shot, which in Marvin's eyes did not go well.

During his career years, Marvin stayed busy on the farm, and worked with his brother in their business partnership Kangas Brothers Equipment. After Kangas Brothers closed, Marvin worked in the maintenance shop at Andes Tower Hills ski area until his retirement.

Marvin and Dorothy had been married for 49 years and 2 months, when Dorothy passed away at Alomere Healthcare Center in Alexandria March 15, 2021. After her passing, Marvin found peace knowing they would one day be reunited. During this time, he re-watched old westerns, fixed mechanical issues on old tractors or planned ways to fix them with his son Kevin, who definitely inherited his dad's incredible mechanical abilities. Marvin was a quiet man and would listen and give sound advice. The last few years Marvin stayed at his daughter and son-in-law's home, and he enjoyed visits from Kevin and his beloved granddaughters – as long as they weren't too loud.

Marvin passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, June 12, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Marvin is survived by his two children: Kevin (Jolene) Kangas, Jennifer (Jeff) Stormo; granddaughters: Alexis (Brandon) King, Katie Kangas, Stacey Kangas; great-grandson, Zane King; sister, Jean Root; and many other beloved family and friends. He is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; parents; siblings: Phyllis Kangas, Phillip Kangas, Lucille Elliott, Jack Kangas, Clare Kangas, and Loretta Williams; as well as nephew, Cory Kangas.

