

Jerome A. Matter, 98. Detroit Lakes, MN, died Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Ecumen-Emmanuel Nursing Home as a result of the Covid Virus

Jerome Anthony Matter was born September 25, 1922 in Wanda, MN to Alfred and Ruth (Frantz) Matter. The family moved to Hitterdal, MN and then to Callaway, MN to be closer to a Catholic Church.

Jerome attended country school where his mother taught. He grew up working on the family farm. He was united in marriage to Mary C. Dunn on October 4, 1949. They made their home northwest of Callaway. He became a grain and livestock farmer near where he grew up. He was also a fur trapper. The farm is still in the family.

Mary and Jerome traveled extensively visiting Alaska, Canada, the western United States and Mexico. One of the highlights of their travels was the tour to Italy that was taken with Father Jerry. They wintered for 27 years in Pharr, Texas.

Jerome enjoyed bowling and bowled for many years on the Tomlinson Lumber Company bowling team. He was an avid fisherman, hunter (both fowl and deer), and attended many sporting events. He loved to play cards with anyone who had time. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus (3rd and 4th Degree), the Eagles and the Riceville Township Board. He was a Founding Father of the Callaway Lions Club.

Jerome is survived by his wife of 71 years, Mary of Detroit Lakes, his children, Vicki (Orrin) Okeson of Detroit Lakes, Sharon Seykora of Fargo, ND, Connie (David) Motteberg of Gary, MN, Jerry (Nancy) Matter of Detroit Lakes, 17 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren (with one on the way), and 1 great great-grandchild, a brother, Jim (Betty) Matter of Callaway, a sister, Cleo Steffl of Detroit Lakes and a sister-in-law, Marilyn Matter of Hopkins, MN.

He was preceded in death by brothers Ralph and Linus, sisters, LaVonne Jacobson and Aileen Melis, a sister-in-law, Joyce Matter, brothers-in-law, Jack Melis and Leo Steffl, son-in-law Warren Seykora and great grandson Hudson Seykora.

Honoring A Life Well Lived



Jerome Anthony Matter
1922 ~ 2020



*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.*



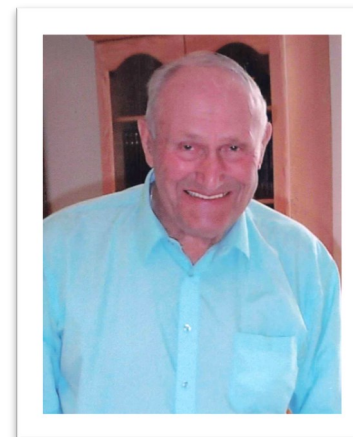
*To hunt a deer, to wet a line,
gifts from God, so good and fine.*

*Friends and Kin, I loved them so,
Although 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*



Remembering With Love Jerome Matter



Mass of Christian Burial

Thursday ~ November 19, 2020 1:00 p.m.
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiant

Father Chuck Huck

Special Music

Susan Champa, Accompanist
Joy Stone, Soloist

Casket Bearers ~ Grandsons

Matt Okeson Markus Okeson Aaron Seykora
Chris Motteberg DJ Motteberg Jay Matter
Ben Matter Alex Matter

Honorary Casket Bearers

Jodi Jungwirth Anne Timmerman Amy Ommen
Jami Kessler Jenae Seykora Holly Sirjord
Heidi Kelling Heather Olson Kari Feistner

Interment

St Mary's Cemetery
Callaway, Minnesota