

Marlin “Pearly” Ness, age 85, of Glenwood, formerly of Westport, MN passed away on October 31, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family after a very brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

Marlin Orville Ness was born in St. Cloud, MN to Stanley and Irene (Rau) Ness. He graduated from St. Cloud Tech High School in 1954. He began working in the Parts Department at International Harvester in Minneapolis, MN. On May 28, 1960, he married his soulmate, Delphine Schneider at the Catholic Church in Rockville, MN. They moved to the little town of Westport in Pope County and Marlin began a long career as owner/operator of the Westport Oil Company. Marlin delivered fuel oil in the area. In 1979, he sold the business to Cenex in Villard, MN. Together Marlin and Del ran a supper club they called The Playground Supper Club in Westport for 10 years. He did continue on as manager for Cenex from 1983 until his retirement in 2001. For over 30 years, Marlin served his Westport community as the Mayor, in addition to being on the city council for over 50 years. He was a very active member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Villard, having also volunteered to serve on the Church Council. In addition, Marlin was an active member of the Knights of Columbus. In 2020, they moved to Glenwood, MN.

In his free time, Marlin enjoyed going hunting and fishing, frying up whatever he caught, dancing, and gardening. In the winter months, he spent many hours out snowmobiling, bowling, ice fishing, and socializing. He loved to follow his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids events. Marlin was a wonderful husband, dad, grandpa, and brother. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Del Ness of Glenwood; daughters, Sheila (Jim) Pfeninger of Villard and Deanna (Jim) Otte of St. Cloud; four grandchildren, Leanne (Trent) Prohl, Alicia (Danny) Leach, Zack Otte, and Nash Otte; three great-grandchildren, Addalyn, Brynlee, and Easton; siblings, Vern Ness of St. Cloud and Carliss (Fred) Lucius of Cookville, TN; and many nieces and nephews. Marlin is preceded in death by his parents, Stanley, and Irene; and sister, Arlene Medeck.

In Loving Memory



*Marlin “Pearly” O. Ness
1936 ~ 2021*

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
**Marlin "Pearly"
Orville Ness**

September 26, 1936



October 31, 2021

Mass of Resurrection

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church

Villard, Minnesota

Saturday, November 6, 2021

11:00 AM



Officiant

Reverend Father Joe Vandenberg

Organist

Ann Foley

Soloist

Elisa Schneider

Readers

Kelly Fernandes Kim Keeville Ruth Carraher

Eucharistic Minister

Dennis Schneider

Gift Bearers

Shelby Schroeder Kayla Geike
Addalyn Prohl Brynlee Prohl

Casket Bearers

(Marlin's Grandchildren)

Leanne Prohl Alicia Leach
Zack Otte Nash Otte
Trent Prohl Danny Leach

Honorary Casket Bearers

(Marlin's Great-Grandchildren)

Addalyn Prohl Brynlee Prohl Easton Otte

Interment

Calvary Cemetery
Villard, Minnesota

Del and the entire family of Marlin "Pearly" Ness would like to thank you for your prayers and for joining us today to share in the celebration of his life. In lieu of thank you notes a donation will be made to the American Cancer Society..