

In Loving Memory of
Marlin D. Berneking

September 13, 1930 † August 31, 2019

Memorial Service
St. John's Lutheran Church
Garfield, Minnesota
Friday, September 6, 2019
2:00 PM

Officiating
Pastor Jeffrey Ross

Organist
JoNette Brogaard

Musical Selections
Beautiful Savior
How Great Thou Art
Amazing Grace

Inurnment
Oscar Lake Cemetery
Holmes City Township, Minnesota

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.*

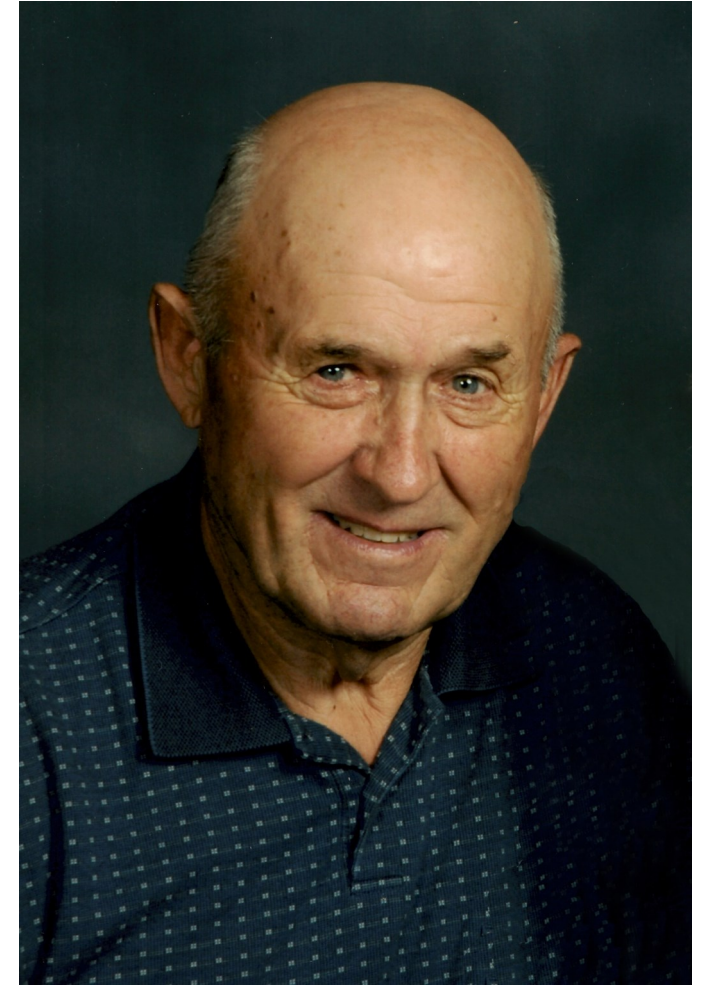
*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*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.*

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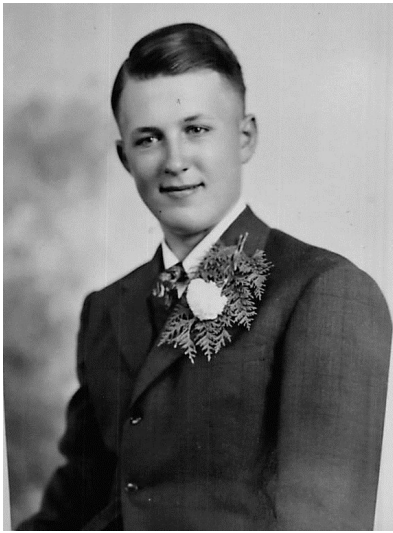
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Marlin Berneking was born on September 13, 1930 at home in Walls Township, Traverse County, MN to Paul and Helena (Zimmerman) Berneking. He was baptized into the Lutheran faith and was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dumont, MN. He attended country school through the 8th grade in rural Traverse County.



He met the love of his life, Arletta (Siegel) in 1950, and they were united in marriage on May 27, 1951. In 1955, a son, Ronald was born to this union.

Marlin farmed in the early years of his life on the family farm and started selling seed corn in 1953 for Funk's Seed Corn.

In 1970, Marlin moved his family to the farm located near Holmes City, MN where they farmed and raised sheep. He was the manager of the fertilizer division of the Farmer's Coop Elevator in Garfield, MN until 1976. He then went to work for Viking Fertilizer in Alexandria.



Marlin started a new venture with his son, Ronald milking cows. Selling seed corn continued with Interstate/Garst Seed. Selling was a true passion for him. He formed many great relationships with area famers. He did so well selling seed corn, that he was awarded many trips over the years to places all over the United States including, the Grand Canyon, Caymen Islands, a cruise from Florida and



California to name a few. Marlin also sold preservative for alfalfa for the PDQ Company.

In the winter months, Marlin enjoyed spearfishing. In the summer and fall, when he wasn't busy selling seed corn, he enjoyed checking on area fields and driving around just

to look at how the crops were doing. Spring was spent delivering the corn he had sold.

In 2008, Marlin and his wife, Arletta, moved to their condo on Temple Street in Alexandria. They enjoyed living in town and discovered music on the courthouse lawn every Thursday evening provided by area musicians. They also enjoyed putting together jigsaw puzzles, playing Yahtzee, and Marlin's favorite, Sequence.



Marlin and Arletta decided to move to Edgewood Assisted Living in 2018, after Marlin fell and fractured his shoulder. After his shoulder was better, they decided to move back to their condo on Temple Street in December of 2018.



Marlin's health started to fail in June of this year. He spent many days in the hospital prompting a move back to Edgewood for Arletta. Marlin was able to enjoy a little more time back at Edgewood before he again needed to be hospitalized and eventually was admitted to Knute Nelson where he passed away on August 31, 2019.

Marlin is preceded in death by his parents, four brothers (two died as infants), 1 sister, and his beloved grandson, Steve. He is survived by his wife, Arletta, son, Ronald (Jolee) and three grandchildren: Jennifer (Mike) Bengtson, Mike (Trisha) Berneking, and Chris (Kristin) Berneking; two step-grandchildren: Erik and Elizabeth Zinke and seven great grandchildren.

