



Final Harvest

*He was bound to the land from the day of his birth
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.*

*In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.*

*Ever turning seasons, the years sped past
Til the final harvest came at last
Then claimed anew by beloved sod
He was gathered home to be with God.
—Barbara W. Weber*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

David Stanley Arens

WHO WAS BORN
February 4, 1949
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
July 25, 2023
Graceville, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
Saturday, July 29, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT
Father David Breu

MUSICIANS
Deb Needham, Pianist
Arens Girls, Vocalists

CASKET BEARERS
Dan O'Donnell | Chad Arens | Jason Wuebkenberg
Johnny Kleindl | Doug Ims | Jeff Mueller

HONORARY BEARERS
Grandchildren:
Jake Gillespie | Justin Gillespie | Haley Gillespie
Ashley Arens | Will Arens | David Arens | Charles Arens | Christian Arens
Grant Loss | Avery Loss | Acacia Foran | Brooke Foran

MILITARY HONORS
American Legion Post #297
Graceville, Minnesota

INTERMENT
Graceville Consolidated Cemetery
Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION
David's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for food and fellowship in the Holy Rosary Parish Center.

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Graceville, Minnesota

David Stanley Arens was born February 4, 1949, in Graceville, MN. He was the son of Robert Arthur and Mary Ann (Wieser) Arens. He attended grade school in Barry, MN. He told his kids he was the smartest kid in his class. However, turns out he was the only kid in his class until the 4th grade. He graduated from Graceville High School and then enlisted in the United States Army. While on leave he met the love of his life, Alice Zach at a dance at the Browns Valley Colosseum. In classic Dave style, he asked a friend to bring her over to say hi and then he pretended he didn't know her! They were married 8 months later July 10, 1971, and were blessed with five children: Ronda, Brenda, Raymond, Julie, and Nancy.

Dave and Alice put their roots down by taking over the family farm. They were dairy farmers for 23 years and then transitioned into crop farming. The family farm is where he taught his kids the value of hard work, a foundation of faith, and to appreciate the smell of cow s#!. Dave had many hobbies and activities that he was excited to teach his kids and grandkids. He shared his love for horses, westerns, rodeos, fishing, exploring nature, and playing cards. However, his favorite times were spent giving the grandkids countless golf cart, tractor, and combine rides where no grandkid could resist the urge to take a nap on grandpa's lap.

In their "semi-retirement", Dave and Alice have enjoyed their winter home in McAllen, TX. Dave could always be found helping someone fix anything and everything, playing cards, and spending time with family and friends.

Dave will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor. Always ready to tease, joke, and respond with a quick wit, smile, and laugh. He was easy to talk to and had the knack to make anyone feel instantly comfortable and welcome. His Catholic faith anchored his humble nature and enjoyment of the simple things in life. His devotion to Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary was felt in each rosary he prayed on their nightly call with his family and friends.

Dave was a true servant of God. A selfless and hard worker, faithful husband, provider, and protector of his family. He was truly one of kind and will forever be loved.

Dave Arens is survived by his wife of 52 years, Alice of Graceville, MN; five children: Ronda (Kyle) Gillespie of Clinton, MN; Brenda (Tim) Fahrenbrink of Bloomington, MN; Raymond (Lynnette) Arens of Graceville, MN; Julie (Jer) Loss of Elk River, MN; and Nancy (Colin) Foran of Divide, CO; 12 grandchildren: Jake, Justin, and Haley Gillespie; Ashley, Will, David, Charles and Christian Arens; Grant and Avery Loss; Acacia and Brooke Foran; siblings: Mike (Susan) Arens, Carol Mueller, Linda (Dennis) Ims, Gary (Jill) Arens, Steve (Marilyn) Arens, Susie (Paul) Woebkenberg, and Cathy Simon.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents: Robert and Mary Ann Arens; brother, Kenny Arens; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law: Fred and Eleanor Zach.

Treasured Seasons

*To everything there is
a season, and a time
for every purpose
under heaven:*

*A time to be born and
a time to die; a time to
plant, and a time to
pluck up that which is
planted;*

*A time to kill and a
time to heal; a time to
break down and a
time to build up;*

*A time to weep, and a
time to laugh; a time to
mourn and a time to
dance;*

*A time to cast away
stones, and a time to
gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and
a time to refrain from
embracing.*

*A time to get, and a
time to lose; a time to
keep, and a time to
cast away;*

*A time to rend, and a
time to sew; a time to
keep silence and a
time to speak;*

*A time to love, and a
time to hate; a time of
war and
a time of peace.*

