

Grant was born September 19, 1925, in Mandan, North Dakota, to Harold Grant, Sr. and Isabelle (Binnie) Unkenholz. He was raised at Ridgeview Farm, 16 miles SW of Mandan in Rural Township. He attended school at Rural Number 1, graduating in 1939. He attended Mandan High School and graduated in 1943. He enlisted in the US Navy on July 1, 1943, and attended Navy Electronics schools in Navy Pier, Chicago, IL, and Stillwater, OK. He served in the Pacific Theater from February 1945 until April 1946 when he received an honorable discharge.

Grant married Alice Haugen August 24, 1946 in Mandan, ND, and they were married for 73 years. He attended North Dakota State School of Science (NDSCS) and graduated from the Radio Course. Grant worked for KBMW radio station Wahpeton/Breckenridge from June 1948 to September 1956 where he was an engineer and announcer. He taught electronics at NDSCS from 1954 until retirement in 1988. Grant also worked for Ottetail Power Company during summers from 1957 to 1987 and half-time from 1988 until 1995. He was a member of Gideons International from February 1966 until present and held several leadership positions within that organization.

Grant enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, and bird watching with family. He installed and maintained many bluebird and wood duck houses and built and gave away numerous bird houses to friends and family. One of his favorite bird house routes was Riverside Cemetery, his final resting place. He was known for his recycling of old buildings and he singly re-cycled a barn, two houses, and a large hen house. He built a family room and double garage with re-cycled lumber. He enjoyed himself in telling jokes and his favorite subjects were Ole and Sven.

Grant is survived by his children: Dennis (Jeanne) Unkenholz, Pierre, SD; Gwen (Bruce) Mikkelson, Bismarck, ND; Wanda (Wade) Nowlin, Bartlett, TN; and Kathy (Del) Wiertzema, Breckenridge, MN; his 8 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren; his siblings: Richard (Pat) Unkenholz, Prescott, AZ; Ruth (Riley) Case, Kokomo, IN; James (Lee) Unkenholz, Ft. Collins, CO; and brother-in-law, Lionel Muthiah, Newberg, OR.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice; sister, Marion Unkenholz-Muthiah; and great-grandson, Jack Jensen Unkenholz.

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

HAROLD GRANT
UNKENHOLZ, JR.

September 19, 1925 — August 12, 2023



Trust in the LORD

with all your
heart;
and lean not on your
own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
& He will direct your
paths.
- Proverbs 3:5-6



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FUNERAL SERVICE

Valley Christian Church
Breckenridge, Minnesota
10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 17, 2023

PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Dean Bjorlin, Celebrant
Karen Hendrickson, Musician

PALLBEARERS

Eric Unkenholz • Sarah Malone • Karin Hansen
Amy Splonskowski • Matthew Nowlin • Rachel Nowlin
Lora Okke • Timothy Wiertzema

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

All Who Knew & Called Grant "Friend"

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC

I've Anchored In Jesus #459

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Navy Hymn

BURIAL

Riverside Cemetery with Military Honors
Breckenridge, Minnesota

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring Grant with your presence at the service.