

Gerald Dean Wildman was born on the family farm on January 18, 1928, in Burtrum, MN, the son of Hobart and Emily (Berg) Wildman. Gerald attended country school and school in Burtrum. He helped his father on the farm near Burtrum. At a dance, Gerald met the love of his life, Lois "Dolly" Johnson. They were united in marriage on March 31, 1949 in Swanville, MN. Two sons were born to this union, David and Randy. In 1958, Gerald and his family moved to the Glenwood area, where he continued to farm and breed registered quarter horses. Gerald and Dolly were members of the American Quarter Horse Association for over 50 years. They made lots of friends in the horse world across the U.S. Gerald and Dolly were honored with an award from the AQHA, Amarillo Texas for 50 years breeding Registered Quarter Horses.

Gerald loved farming, horses, and hunting. Hunting was especially a memorable time with his family. Memories of Gerald hiking in the mountains of Colorado, sleeping in a tent with his brother Dale, cousin Jake, his two sons David and Randy, and his grandsons Jason, Ryan and Jared to hunt elk until he was 80 years old, will be cherished moments. Gerald also was able to hunt deer until he was 90 years old. He enjoyed having the entire family to his home for breakfast and lunch during deer hunting. In his younger years, Gerald enjoyed ice fishing. After his chores, he would join Dolly and his boys in the icehouse to fish. Gerald also loved flying his airplanes. He was also a pilot for Civil Air Patrol for a number of years. Gerald worked hard and enjoyed his life and family. He will be missed dearly by those who knew and loved him.

Gerald D. Wildman, died on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the Glacial Ridge Hospital in Glenwood, MN at the age of 93 years old. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 72 years, Dolly Wildman of Glenwood; sons, David (Leila) Wildman of Lowry and Randy (Mary) Wildman of Glenwood; grandchildren, Tara (Andy) Berger, Tanya Bryan and fiancé Jason Root, Jared (Kacie) Wildman, Jason (Kristi) Wildman, and Ryan (Chelsey) Wildman; great grandchildren, Ella, Nikolas, Gavin, Jaxon, Declan, Danika, Miles, Avery, Alannah, Caden, and Bella; sister Marlys Frank; and brother Dale (Sharon) Wildman, step siblings Jim Skinner and Margaret Fletcher, half siblings Wayne Skinner and Cheryl Lambrecht

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hobart and Emily Wildman, his sister Shirley Nielsen, brother in laws Jim Nielsen and Tony Frank.

CLOSE THE GATE

*For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.
Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.
You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son,
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done.
A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way,
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day.
Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine,
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time.
You always believed that the good Lord would provide and He always had somehow,
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.
Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.*

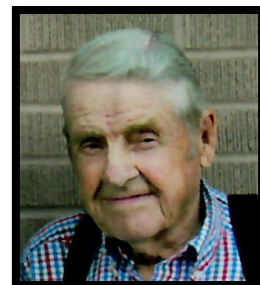
Nancy Kraayenhof

In Memory of Gerald Dean Wildman

January 18, 1928



March 24, 2021



Funeral Service

Anderson Funeral Home Chapel
Alexandria, MN

Saturday, March 27, 2021

11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Don Wilke

Music

"On Eagles Wings"

"Amazing Grace"

"Be Not Afraid"

Casket Bearers

Mike Frank

Greg Frank

Darren Engelbrecht

Danny Nielsen

Craig Johnson

Lynn Johnson

Interment

Kinkead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota