

George Luther Dyrstad was born October 20, 1926, in Glenwood, Minnesota, son of Oscar and Amanda (Rosten) Dyrstad. He was baptized and confirmed at Indherred Lutheran Church in Glenwood. He attended schools in Glenwood, Minnesota.

In 1945, George enlisted in the Navy and served for 18 months on the USS Meredith.

On June 29, 1948, George and LaVerne Pladson were married at First Lutheran and have been members since. George and LaVerne had three children, Sharon, Steven, and Cathy.

In the early 1950's, George, together with his brother, Donald, started and owned Dyrstad Bros. Trucking. After trucking, George became the manager of Lake Region Midland Co-Op for 25 years. Upon his retirement from Midland, George drove school bus part-time for the Alexandria public schools. He could winter in Texas and immediately drive school bus when he returned.

George was a lifetime fisherman. He planned and arranged many fishing trips to Lake of the Woods with business friends and family. He loved golf. He became an avid golfer at the Alexandria Golf Club and loved competing in the annual Green Jacket tournament. Some may have said George was a 'sand bagger', but they all knew he competed with all he had. He was very proud of winning that Green Jacket with his partner, Wayne Elton. George also enjoyed gardening and growing tomatoes. George was active in the Alexandria community. His grandchildren said, "everybody knows Grandpa". George actively participated in numerous community organizations, including the Douglas County Fair Board, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, and the Alex Golf Club. After serving on the Fair Board for 49 years, George was recognized as the State of Minnesota Fair Board Member of the year in 2014.

He and LaVerne wintered in Mission, Texas for 20+ years. That provided George another opportunity to make new friends. He played golf and loved fishing for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico. He caught the largest fish in his life in the Gulf. He was very proud of that big amberjack.

George also loved playing cards. He had a 'knack' for playing poker. Nobody ever knew what George actually had in his hand. Just play! He was almost always the winner. Know when to fold 'em, know when the hold 'em. Gramps knew!

George loved life, his family, and people. Gramps made friends wherever he went. He enjoyed life to the fullest. He believed the life he was given was truly a gift from God.

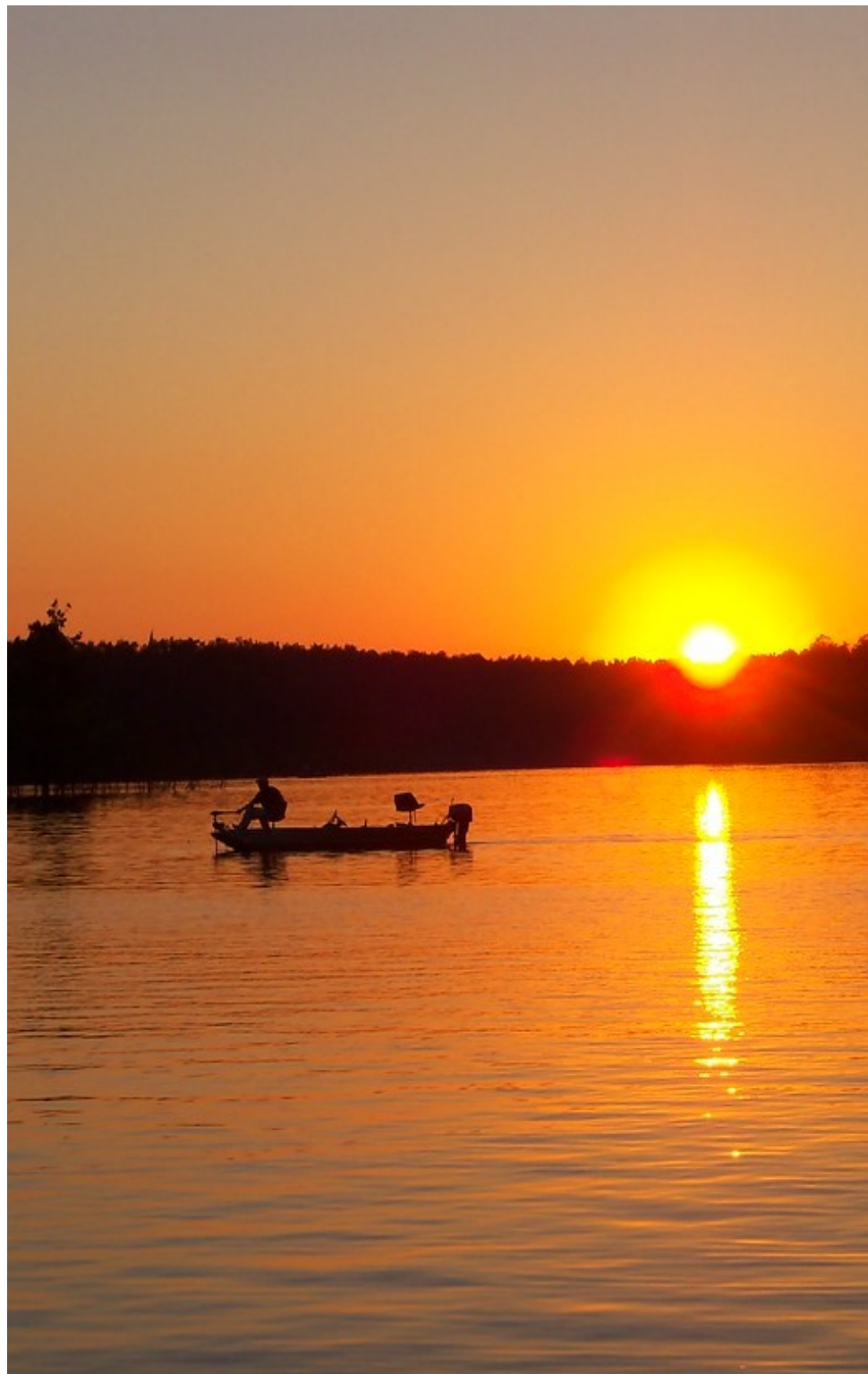
When asked what one thing people don't know about him, George said "That I can't sing." Gramps – We all knew that!!

George is survived by his wife, LaVerne, of over 72 years; his children, Sharon (Rick) Olson of Omaha, NE, Steven (Gail) Dyrstad of Omaha, NE, and Cathy (Mike) Woodward of Blaine, MN; grandchildren, Chris (Tonya) Olson of Gretna, NE, Corey (Beth) Dyrstad of Papillion, NE, Ben (Colleen) Olson of Omaha, NE, Tessie (Brian) Childers of Omaha, NE, Katie (Randy) Seidenkranz of Andover, MN, Matt Woodward of Duluth, MN, and Blake Woodward of St. Paul, MN; great-grandchildren, Sidney Olson, Ryne and Addison Olson, Brooke and Talen Childers, Kenzie, Kyla, Kami, and Katelyn Dyrstad. Carter, Cameron, and Colton George Seidenkranz; and his sister, Laura Bodger. He was preceded in death by his parents and a great-grandson, Brandon Childers.

A special thank you to all the nurses at Bethany on the Lake and hospice who cared for George with such kindness and respect during these past four months.

Memorials may be directed to the family or First Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Minnesota.

"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure".



*God hath not promised
skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways
all our lives through;
God hath not promised
sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
peace without pain.*

*But God hath promised
strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
undying love...*

In Memory of
George L. Dyrstad

October 20, 1926



June 19, 2020

Memorial Service
Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Wednesday, July 1, 2020
2:00 PM



Officiant
Reverend Greg Billberg

Music
Somewhere Over The Rainbow by Katharine McPhee
Rock Of Ages
What A Wonderful World by Eva Cassidy

Military Honors
American Legion Post 87
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 936
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 235
Marine Corps League Detachment 1409
U.S. Navy Honor Guard

Interment
Kinkead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota



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