

Newton Warren Earl Jr was born on January 3, 1948, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Newton and Laura (Duin) Earl. He graduated from Eagle Bend High School in 1966 and attended Staples Technical School. Newt was drafted and served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years during the Vietnam War. He was a door gunner in the Seawolves Helicopter Attack Light Squadron (HAL-3).

On June 6, 1970, Newt was united in marriage to Virginia "Ginny" Mostad at Sauk Valley Lutheran Church in rural Osakis. The couple lived at the San Jose Naval Base in California, where they started their family. They returned to Osakis after being honorably discharged. The couple was blessed with 5 children. Newt worked for Shrode Equipment and later at the Glenwood Fertilizer Loading Plant. He started farming with his father-in-law, Robert Mostad and brother-in-law, Dennis Mostad. Newt and Ginny later purchased the farm they have been living on for 50 years. He was a pilot for many years working for Alexandria Aviation.

Newt loved music, playing guitar, singing and was active with the Gordon Men's Choir and sang in a quartet. He served as the Orange Township Treasurer for many years. Newt loved to be in his shop staying busy with all kinds of repairs and enjoyed helping his neighbors and friends with their fix-it projects. Most importantly he loved spending time with his family and friends. Many memories were made around the kitchen table at the lake or around the campfire in the backyard or camping with family and friends. In 2020, Newt was inducted into the U.S. Navy Combat Aircrew on the ship Yorktown stationed in Charleston, SC.

Newt died on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at this home at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ginny; children, Audray (Steve) Maxwell of West Fargo, ND, Glenn (Glenda) Earl of Underwood, ND, Michael (Melissa) of Rowllins, WY, Kenneth (Sue) Earl of Alexandria, and Kristie (Herb) Holmes of Phoenix, AZ; 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; sister, Gloria (Marlin) Hadden of Borup, MN and Carol Swanson of Walnut Grove, MN; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Newton and Laura; and brother, Leslie Earl.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with
oil: my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.*

In Memory of **Newton W. Earl Jr.**

January 3, 1948



January 12, 2022

Funeral Service
Sauk Valley
Lutheran Church
Osakis, Minnesota
Sat. January 22, 2022
11:00 AM



Officiant ~ Reverend Lexy Carson

Pianist ~ Emily Larson

Soloist ~ Nathan Larson

Casket Bearers

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| Mike Earl | Kenny Earl |
| Herb Holmes Jr. | Jared Northridge |
| Josh Steidl | Matthew Pilgrim |

Honorary Casket Bearers

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| Gordon Men's Choir | VVA Friends |
| Pilot Friends | HAL-3 Seawolf Brothers |
| VFW Comrades | |

Military Honors

Osakis VFW Post 7902
U.S. Navy National Honor Guard

Interment

Sauk Valley Lutheran Cemetery
Osakis, Minnesota