

Eugene Owen Meslow was born October 3, 1932 to Arthur and Freda (Flaa) Meslow in rural Walcott, ND. He was baptized on December 4th of the same year at Viking Lutheran Church in rural Wyndmere, ND, where in 1945, he was confirmed, and became a lifelong member.

Eugene grew up in Garborg Township, and attended grade school at Garborg Township #1. At the age of 12, he met the woman he would one day marry while attending church at Viking Lutheran.

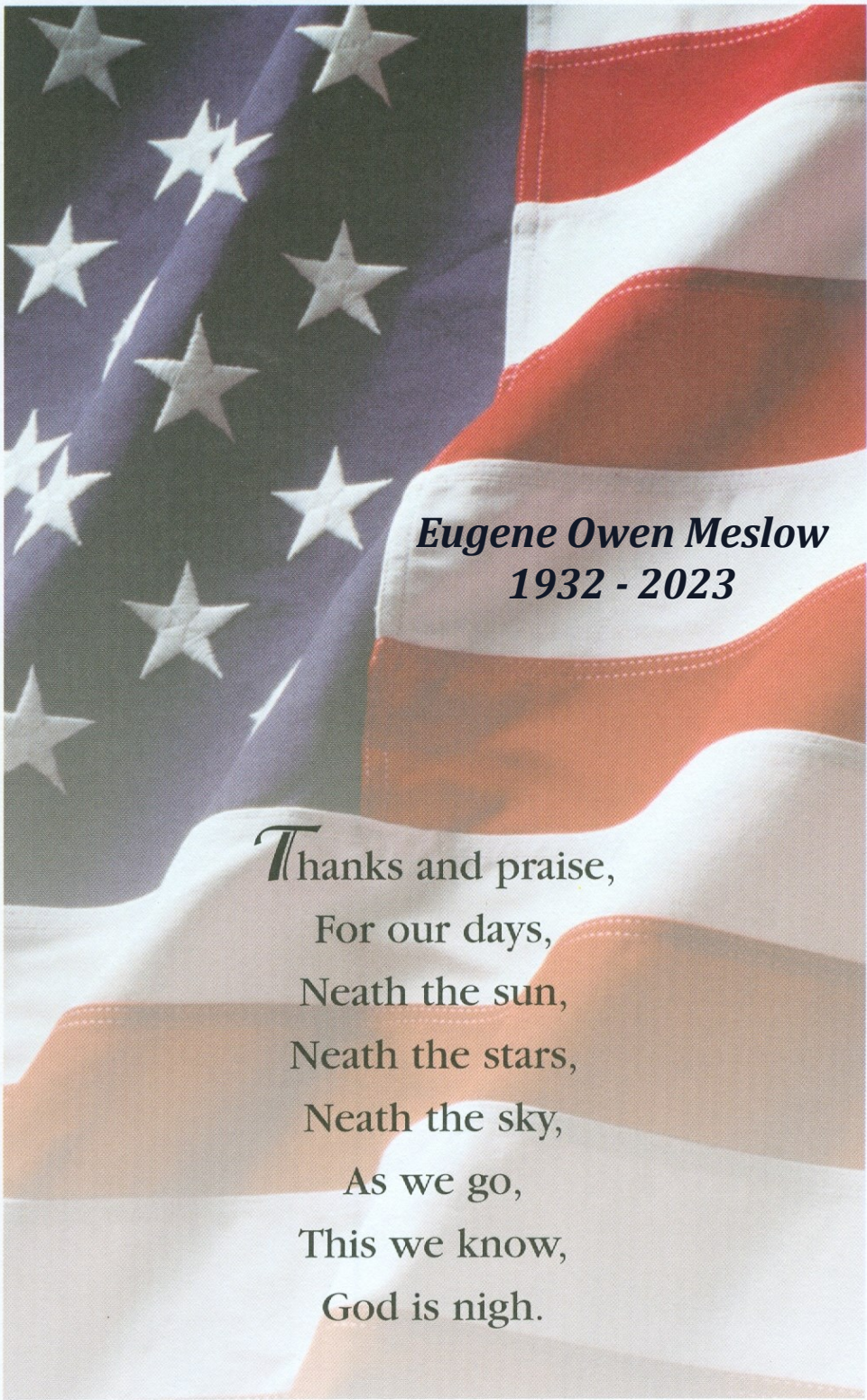
He married the love of his life, Eileen Jeannette Waswick, on June 25, 1953, at Viking Lutheran Church. Just days after the wedding, Eugene was deployed and served for 18 months in Korea as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army. Upon his return, they made their home in Fargo, ND, where he worked for Peavey Elevator. In 1957, a tornado hit Fargo, and his place of employment was destroyed. He returned to the family farm and began his farming career, and where the couple raised their family.

Eugene was a lifetime member of the Barney VFW, Wyndmere Legion Brown Nelson Post #153. He also was a past member of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association, served on the Garborg Township board, and was the treasurer for the Viking Lutheran Church and Cemetery Association. After Viking Lutheran closed its doors, Eugene and Eileen became members of Wyndmere Lutheran Church in Wyndmere. Eugene was a strong advocate in maintaining the Viking Church and grounds to the present day.

Eugene was a man with strong family values, and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, whom he truly adored. Eileen passed away June 13, 2023, and Eugene passed away June 25, 2023, on their 70th wedding anniversary.

Eugene is survived by his children, Wayne (Wanda) Meslow, Brian (Janelle) Meslow, Dawn (Mitch) Mahrer, Jayne (Dennis) Johnk; grandchildren, Shannon (John) Score, Jennifer (Kara) Meslow, Kelly (Ashley) Meslow, Carolyn (Kristian) Simcox, William (Trish) Kuchera, Jacob (Quinne) Meslow, Michael (Kayla) Mahrer, Heather (Chad) Koziol, Kyle (Kaia) Mahrer, Krista (Dylan) Schuster, Matthew (Ashley) Johnk, Casey (Brittnei) Johnk, Christopher (Sidney) Johnk; and 30 great-grandchildren, whom he truly adored; his sister, Muriel Odin; sisters-in-law, Geneva Waswick and Carol Waswick; and many dear cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife of nearly 70 years, Eileen; parents, Arthur and Freda; sister, Coretta (Ray) Evenson; brothers-in-law, Lloyd Odin, Harold, Leonard and Arthur Waswick; mother and father-in-law, Earl and Jeannette Waswick; and infant great-granddaughter, Aunika Mahrer.



Eugene Owen Meslow
1932 - 2023

*T*hanks and praise,
For our days,
Neath the sun,
Neath the stars,
Neath the sky,
As we go,
This we know,
God is nigh.

In Loving Memory
Eugene W. Meslow

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



Born
October 3, 1932 | Walcott, North Dakota

Passed Away
June 25, 2023 | West Fargo, North Dakota

Age
90 Years | 8 Months | 22 Days

Funeral Service
11:00 AM | Friday, June 30, 2023
Viking Lutheran Church | Rural Walcott, North Dakota

Officiant
Pastor Phil Larson

Violinist
Kaia Mahrer | "Lovers' Waltz"

Music
"Old Rugged Cross"
Congregational Hymn | "Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art" | "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Honorary Pallbearers
Eugene's Granddaughters

Pallbearers
Michael Mahrer | Kyle Mahrer | Kelly Meslow | Matthew Johnk
Casey Johnk | Bill Kuchera | Chris Johnk | Jacob Meslow

Interment
Viking Lutheran Cemetery | Rural Walcott, North Dakota