

Phillip Henry Kangas was born on June 9, 1930 in Lake Mary Township the son of Henry and Stella (Heikkinen) Kangas. He grew up on a farm in Urness Township and attended Country School.

Phil was married to Nettie Eva Yoemans from 1953 to 1956. They had two children, Phillip “Skip” and Jeffery.

On June 5th, 1964 he was united in marriage to Rosella Josephson in Sisseton, South Dakota. The couple farmed in Urness Township and to this union two daughters were born.

He also farmed with his brothers. Besides farming Phil and his brother, Marvin owned and operated an Implement dealership in Garfield, MN. Phil was a talented salesman. He also loved working on farm equipment and loved raising livestock.

Phil will be remembered as a hard working, intelligent man who loved to farm and when time would allow to sit around, have coffee and shoot the breeze. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, smelting and reading. Phil will be missed for his quirky sense of humor and strength and compassion in times of hardship. He was the “rock” of the family and was the embodiment of SISU especially at the end of his life.

Phillip died on Monday, October 23, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Rosie; son, Phillip “Skip” (Jeanne); daughters: Teresa (Danessa) Kangas, Laura (Brian) Wilson; five grandchildren; Tammy, Shelly, Kurt, Jack and Beck, six great grandchildren, brothers: Marvin (Dorothy), Jack (Josie); sisters: Lucille Elliott and Jean Root.

He was preceded in death by his infant sister Phyllis, parents, Henry and Stella, son, Jeffery, sister, Loretta Williams, brother, Clare and nephew Cory.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

In Memory of

Phillip Henry Kangas

June 9, 1930 †
October 23, 2017



Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Friday, October 27, 2017
1:30 PM

Officiant

Reverend Marilee Bergerson

Burial

Finnish Apostolic Cemetery
Moe Township, Minnesota

Arrangements By

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota