



Louis M. Meeks age 98 of Detroit Lakes, MN died June 28, 2023 at Ecumen – Emmanuel in Detroit Lakes.

Louis Mortimer Meeks was born May 14, 1925 in Parkersburg, West Virginia to William and Clara Williams Meeks. He grew up and received his education in Parkersburg.

Following high school he served in the United States Navy during WWII.



On November 9, 1945 he was united in marriage to Lillian Longfors in Reno, Nevada. In 1951 they moved to Snellman, MN where they raised their family. Louis worked for MNDOT in Detroit Lakes for many years, retiring in 1985. Louis enjoyed hunting, fishing and farming.

He is survived by three daughters, Bonnie (Anthony Fairbanks) Meeks, of Osage, MN; Lois (Lyle Tabbut) Mastin, of Pelican Rapids, MN; and Brenda (Robert) Wickline, of Brainerd, MN; four sons, William Meeks, of Detroit Lakes, MN; Charles (Carolyn) Meeks, of Ogema, MN; Robert (Tonya Harris) Meeks, of Osage, MN; and Louis (Elaine) Meeks Jr., of Park Rapids, MN; twenty one grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; ten great great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian; three daughters, Nancy Meeks, Mary Gillette, and Carol Nickolauson; one grandson, Steven Bellanger; three brothers, Robert, Everett, and Russell; three sisters, Gracie, Patti, and Virginia; one daughter in law, Mary Meeks; and two son in laws, Larry Gillette and Don Nickolauson.



# In Loving Memory



# Louis M. Meeks

1925-2023



I farmed the land, I tramped the wood.  
These are the things I understood.

No grand schemes, they passed me by;  
I knew the lake, the hills, the sky.

To hunt a deer, to wet a line,  
Gifts from God, so good and fine.

Friends and kin, I loved them so  
Altho I'm gone, I'm sure they know

I'm now at peace, life's battles done,  
I've faced the foe and I have won.

# Louis M. Meeks

May 14, 1925 ~ Parkersburg, West Virginia  
June 28, 2023 ~ Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

## Funeral Service

Thursday, July 6, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
Snellman, Minnesota

## Officiated by

Pastor William Knaack

## Pianist

Evelyn Wehmas

## Pallbearers

Mike Meeks	Ethan Swiers
Josh Meeks	William Meeks, Jr.
Gavin Meeks	Raymond Gillette

## Military Honors by

Lake Region Veteran's Color Guard

## Interment

Snellman Cemetery  
Snellman, Minnesota

## Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home  
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota