

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

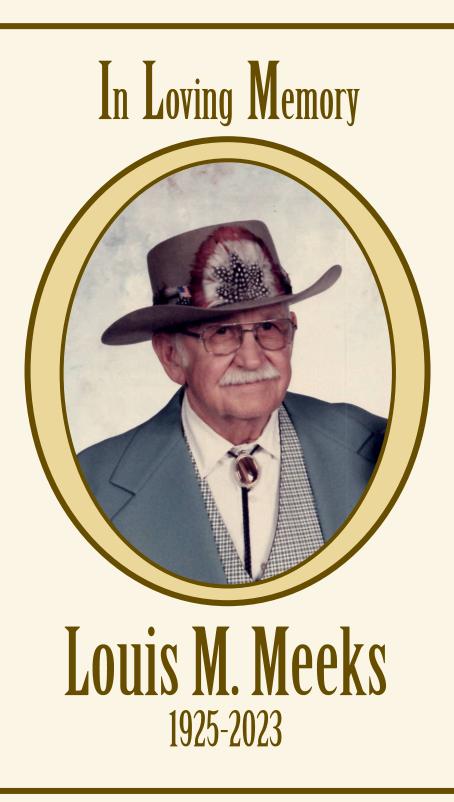
Louis Mortimer Meeks was born May 14, 1925 in Parkersburg, West Virginia to William and Clara Williams Meeks. He grew up and received his education in Parkersburg.

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.



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

> > <u>Pianist</u> Evelyn Wehmas

Pallbearers

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

Military Honors by Lake Region Veteran's Color Guard

> Interment Snellman Cemetery Snellman, Minnesota

<u>Arrangements by</u> West-Kjos Funeral Home Detroit Lakes, Minnesota