

*You lived a life that pointed others to Heaven
the place where you now dwell.*

*You taught your family about Jesus
To save their souls from Hell.*

*You were the kind of Christian
We all should strive to be.*

*You loved your church and country
and were devoted to family.*

*We honor who you were today
with memories bittersweet.*

*We will hold you in our hearts and minds
until in Heaven again we meet.*

*Each of us was touched by you
Your kindness, love, and grace.*

*No one else in all the earth
can your presence replace.*

So as we say "goodbye for now"

We vow to honor you

*By loving God and family
our friends, and strangers too.*

*Go and walk the streets of Gold,
sit by the Crystal Sea.*

*One day soon we will be there
to share eternity.*



Remembering
THE LIFE OF
Lawrence Sylvester Lehman

December 30, 1931 — October 13, 2019

Lawrence was born in Wheaton, MN, on December 30, 1931, to Paul and Myrtle (Kissel) Lehman, Sr. He grew up on the family farm South of Tintah, MN, and attended school there. Following his formal education, he was excited to join his family's legacy and work on the farm. Each year from 1948 to 1950, Lawrence, his father, and brother, Bernard, traveled south and worked their custom combining business along with their hired men. After his third year of custom combining, he joined the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. Lawrence was highly skilled in mathematics and was quickly placed as a surveyor for the army until he was discharged in 1954.

Upon returning home from Germany, Lawrence's sister, Janice, the family match-maker, set him up with her best friend, Ramona Petermann. This is where the love story begins; the couple was later united in marriage on October 24, 1955, at St. Gall's Catholic Church, Tintah. They made their home on the family farm where they raised their children until they were given a wonderful opportunity to purchase their aunt and uncle's farm which became their forever home. On January 1, 1997, Lawrence's beloved wife, Mona, of 41 years went to be with the Lord.

A man of the land, Lawrence farmed with his brothers, Bernard and Paulie, for many years and later, farmed with Tom and Christy Morgan. Lawrence proudly farmed into his early 80's. Though he was no longer able to be in the field, his heart was always there. He spent the last six years living with LeeAnn and Joe at their home in rural Fergus. Despite his many health issues, he embraced his special haven there. He enjoyed the birds and flowers and his three-legged canine companion, "Teddy."

Lawrence held fast to his faith and never worried; he knew God would take care of it. He was a man with remarkable character; he was humble, never judged others, and gave a helping hand whenever he could. Throughout the years, Lawrence was a devout member of St. Gall's Catholic Church and held a position as a trustee member. He was also a member of the Tintah American Legion #610 and volunteer at the Tintah Fire Department. During his downtime, Lawrence enjoyed the simple things in life, playing cards, reading, deer hunting trips up north, and fishing. He also took on some larger projects, such as remodeling homes and intricate woodworking projects which became family treasures as he gifted these handcrafted, keepsake furniture to his children. Above all, his family was everything to him; they were his rock and he was their anchor. He was the father who never stopped encouraging his children to pursue their God-given talents and the grandfather who eagerly participated in the lives of his grandchildren.

Lawrence will be greatly missed by his children, Christy Morgan of Tintah, LeeAnn (Joe) Barnett of Fergus Falls, MN, Carla (Dan) Nordick of Wahpeton, and Jerry (Donelda) Lehman of Champlain, MN; grandchildren, Jesse (Trenna) Morgan, Kristofer (Lonnie) Morgan, Naomi Schliesman, Joshua Schliesman, Damian (Rachael) Lehman, Andrew (Kasey) Lehman, Ariane Getz, Dean (fiancé, Amanda) Broadland; step-grandchildren, Danielle (Todd) Theel, Joe (Dana) Barnett, Jeff (Molly) Barnett, Jessica (Dave) Barnett, Jake (Sarah) Nordick, and Josh (Jackie) Nordick; great-grandchildren, Mykenze, Isaac, Tristin, Jaxon, Autumn, Zaina, Keira, Langston, and Zara; 14 step-great-grandchildren; seven sisters, Judy Savage, Lucy McLemore, Helen (Gene) Kutzer, Janice (Toby) Keller, Eileen Hecimovich, Carol (Gene) Neyens, and Kathy (Kevin) Beckius; sister-in-law, Marlene Lehman; many nieces and nephews; and special family friend, Betty Gaulrapp.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ramona Lehman; parents, Paul and Myrtle Lehman; brothers, Bernard and Paul Jr.; sister, Dee Stump; son-in-law, Tom Morgan; grandson, Billy Morgan; and step-grandson, Albert Barnett.

Celebrating THE LIFE OF Lawrence Sylvester Lehman

Born: December 30, 1931 ~ Wheaton, Minnesota

Died: October 13, 2019 ~ Battle Lake, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

St. Gall's Catholic Church

Tintah, Minnesota

11 a.m., Thursday, October 17, 2019

PARTICIPANTS

Father Jeremy Ploof & Father Stan Wieser, officiants

Pat Keaveny, accompanist

Jane Preibe & Peggy Corey, soloist

PALLBEARERS

Jesse Morgan ~ Kristofer Morgan ~ Joshua Schliesman

Damian Lehman ~ Andrew Lehman ~ Dean Broadland

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

Here I Am, Lord ~ Shelter Me Oh God ~ Abba Father

Come and Journey With Me ~ Song of Farewell

Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

SPECIAL MUSIC

Old Rugged Cross

BURIAL

St. Gall's Catholic Cemetery ~ Tintah, Minnesota

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring Lawrence with your presence at the service.

