

**Vernard Arlyn Trenne** was born January 12, 1939, in Fergus Falls, MN, the son of Vernard and Myrtle (Larson) Trenne. He was raised and attended school in Fergus Falls. In 1952, Arlyn's family moved to Alexandria, MN where he graduated from Central High School.

On March 22, 1957, Arlyn was united in marriage to Kathleen Quast. They made their home in Alexandria and were blessed with four children. Arlyn began an apprenticeship with the Union where he learned the sheetmetal and plumbing trades. Over the years, Arlyn worked for Michaelson Plumbing & Heating, Alex Plumbing & Heating, McDowell Company and Peterson Sheetmetal. Eventually, Arlyn took a job with R & E Nelsen Plumbing, Heating & Sheetmetal. In 1984, Arlyn purchased that company and changed the name to A & E Plumbing, Heating and Sheetmetal. Arlyn was a man who was very skilled at his work and truly loved what he did. He eventually turned the company over to his son, James, but continued to be involved in the day to day operations. Even after his health began to decline, Arlyn assisted with the bid proposals. Arlyn never fully retired from the business.

Arlyn had many varied interests. As a young man, his family raised horses. They participated in parades with their horse and buggy teams. He still has a collection of buggies and wagons including a horse drawn hearse. Arlyn had a passion for hunting all kinds of game. Arlyn hunted in every deer season since he was 8 years old. He was an avid fisherman. He loved teaching his grandchildren how to fish and made an annual trip to enjoy walleye fishing in Canada. Arlyn operated a hobby farm in Moe Township, where he hunted and spent time with his children and grandchildren. Arlyn enjoyed antiques and had depression glass and crock collections. Arlyn cherished the furniture and collectibles passed down through the generations in his family as well as his classic cars. In the later years, Arlyn took pride in baking, cooking and frying fish for family gatherings. They thoroughly enjoyed his fried walleye, ribs, soups and homemade pickles. His garden always provided a beautiful bounty of produce and grew in size to need a tractor to prepare each spring.

On Thursday, November 14, 2019 Arlyn died at the age of eighty years. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Scott Trenne; and an infant brother. Arlyn is survived by his wife of sixty-two years, Kathy Trenne of Alexandria; daughter, Jody Stiver and husband, Mark, of Sugar Land, TX; sons, James Trenne and wife, Joanne, of Alexandria and Tim Trenne and wife, Mary, of Chaska, MN; grandchildren, Stacie Stiver, Rebekah Cantrell, Brian Trenne, Nicholas Trenne, Megan Trenne, Michael Trenne, Briant Weber, Phillip Trenne, Andrew Trenne, Matthew Trenne and Molly Helm; great grandchildren, Savannah, Tessa, Braydyn, Lola, Reid, Eva, Skyler, Callie, Ireland, Merida, Lennox, Sylas, Samuel, Elora, Caleb and Mya; two brothers, Jon Trenne and wife, Barb, of Carlos, MN and Paul Trenne and wife, Karen, of Grand Forks, ND; one sister, Verla Engelbrecht and husband, Jerry, of Alexandria; Brother in Law Jerry Quast and wife, Barb, of Silver Lake, MN as well numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## *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 Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at close of 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've savored 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 hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

*In Memory of*

## **Arlyn Trenne**

January 12, 1939



November 14, 2019



### **Memorial Service**

Bethesda Lutheran Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Tuesday, November 19, 2019  
11 AM

### **Officiant**

Reverend Jerry Lanes

### **Musicians**

Mark Graf  
Karen Trenne  
Ben Trenne

### **Honorary Pallbearers**

All of Arlyn's Grandchildren

### **Interment**

Kinkead Cemetery  
Alexandria, Minnesota

