



*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my
head with oil: my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the LORD for ever.*

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Psalm 23



Funeral Service

Monday, September 25, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Lengby, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Gene Lilienthal

Organist

Jan Barckholtz

Congregational Hymns

"The Old Rugged Cross"

"How Great Thou Art"

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Honorary Pallbearers

All of Miff's grandchildren & great grandchildren

Active Pallbearers

Alex Lende ~ Dylan Lende ~ David Melby
Tyler Erickson ~ Randy Somdalen ~ Mitchell Hextell

Military Honors

Spring Lake V.F.W. Post #2759
Lengby, Minnesota

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National Guard Honors Team

Place of Rest

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery
Lengby, Minnesota

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*Military honors and committal will held immediately after the funeral at the
cemetery. All are invited to the Lengby Community Hall for a time
of visiting and a bite to eat.*



The QR code is Miff's tribute
slideshow. Simply hold your
phone's camera over the code
and press the link that appears.

Miff was born in Ross, North Dakota on October 21, 1933, to Edward and Alvina (Schacher) Somdalen. He was baptized and lived in Manitou, North Dakota and moved to Spokane Washington as a child where his dad was a mechanic and his mother worked making supplies for the WWII war effort. In 1945 at 12 years old he moved to Lengby, MN with his parents. Miff would walk, ski and ride horse to the LaDuke one room schoolhouse through the 8th grade, living on the farm with milk cows, chickens, and sheep. Miff was drafted into the Army in 1956 and attended boot camp in Fort Sill Oklahoma and was stationed in Germany. After his honorable discharge Miff worked in Alaska and logged with his cousins in northern Minnesota. In 1966 Miff married Deloris “Freyholtz” Lende and became an instant father of six Lende children. To this union a daughter Shirley was born. After they were married Miff and Deloris farmed, share cropped several farms, and raised sheep, milk cows, and later, beef cattle up to his retirement. Miff enjoyed the outdoors, maple syruping, deer hunting, dancing, his Norwegian Kool-Aid *aka* beer and spending time with friends and family. Miff never met a person he couldn’t strike up a conversation with. At 10 years old while in school in Spokane Washington Miff’s report card had a comment that read “does unnecessary talking”.

Milfred was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Alvina, brother Arnold, and sister Elaine.

Miff is survived by his wife Deloris (Freyholtz) Lende Somdalen of 56 years and their children Craig (Jill) Lende, David (Jody) Lende, Norman (Shar) Lende, Steven (Lona) Lende, Barbara Carr (Mike Adensam), Darrell (Linda) Lende, Shirley (Brad) Erickson, Grandchildren Nicole (Jeremy) Smith, Dave (Michelle) Melby, Alex Lende, Dylan Lende, Brittany (Tim) Dorn, Amanda (Tyler) Paulson, Abby Lende, Amber Erickson, Tyler Erickson, Heather Erickson. Great Grandchildren Kai, Pyper, Ellie, Jamison, Kaitlyn, Emily, Aden, Sibyl, Raelynn. Many nieces and nephews also survive.



Blessed be his memory

