

## Remembering the Life....

Russell Orton Marple was born January 22, 1932, in Alexandria, Minnesota, to Max and Hazel (Peterson) Marple. He attended Alexandria High School through 11<sup>th</sup> grade and graduated from Elbow Lake–Wendell High School during his senior year in 1950. He attended Brown Institute for Radio Announcing in Minneapolis for a short period of time, then continued on to North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota, for Journalism and Printing.

Russell met the love of his life, Gloria Koziol, in 1958 on a blind date. They were married on November 5, 1960, and had six children — Russell Jr., Julie, Jean, June, Curtis, and Kyle. They lived in several places but in October 1966, they settled on their farm outside of Wendell where they lived for 54 years. A move to Fergus Falls has been their home for the past two years.

Russell's career started as a Linotype Press Operator for the Grand County Herald Newspaper in Elbow Lake. He then farmed for over 20 years. In addition to farming, he sold Real Estate for Century 21 out of Alexandria and also worked for West Central Community Action in Elbow Lake as a Field Representative. He retired from farming in 1993.

He enjoyed playing accordion and piano as part of his love for music. Vacationing was spent on the water in Lake Minnewaska in Glenwood boating and fishing, and spending many winters in Arizona to relax in the warmer weather. He took great pride in the appearance of his farm and never passed by a good garage sale.

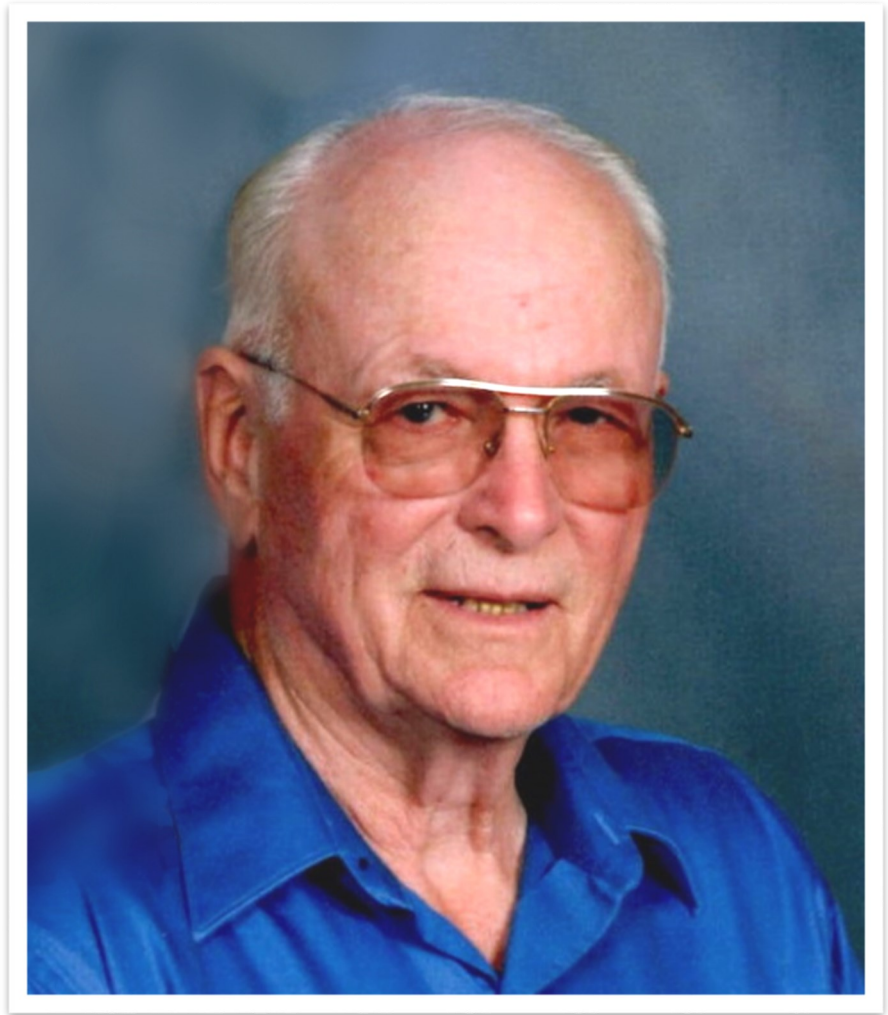
Russel Marple, 90, of Fergus Falls (previously of Wendell), passed away in his home on June 20, 2022.

Russell is survived by his wife, Gloria, of Fergus Falls; sister Shirlye (Marple) Campbell of San Mateo, California; sons Russell (Melea) Marple of Breckenridge, Curtis Marple of New Prague; daughters Julie (Tom) Falk of Vergas, Jean Marple of Chaska, June (Rich) Pland of Sacramento, California; grandchildren Jennifer (Kevin) Kwiatek of Jacksonville, Florida, Garrett (Rachel) Marple of Campbell, and Brooke Pland, Alexis Pland, and Jillian Pland of Sacramento, California.

Russell is preceded in death by his parents, Max and Hazel Marple, and his son, Kyle Marple.

**Blessed be the Memory of Russ Marple**

Celebrating  
the **Life** of



**Russ Marple**

## *Safely Home*

I am Home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passes;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly  
Trode the valley of the shade?  
Oh! But Jesus' love illuminated  
Every dark and fearful glade.

And he came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread;  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,  
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still:  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth-  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come!

*In Loving Memory Of*

# **Russell O. Marple**

January 22, 1932 - June 20, 2022

### **Celebration of Life**

Friday, June 24, 2022 at 11:00 AM  
Glende-Nilson Funeral Home  
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

### **Officiating**

Pastor Lee Kantonen

### **Casketbearers**

Dareld Koziol ~ Shane Koziol ~ Tony Koziol  
Garrett Marple ~ Bob Grove ~ Kevin Kwiatek

### **Interment**

St. Loretto's Catholic Cemetery  
Elbow Lake, Minnesota

### **Appreciation**

Russell's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply  
appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and  
fellowship following the service.



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