

Gerald Donnavon Solbreken was born on October 4, 1935, in Gilchrist Township, Pope County, Minnesota, the son of Lawrence and Eleanor (Olson) Solbreken. He grew up in the rural Brooten area and attended country school for eight years. After graduating from Brooten High School in 1953, he studied electronics. He served for two years in the U.S. Army and then began a career in TV repair and 2-way radio communications for Motorola.

While working for Motorola, he took up a hobby in leather tooling creating intricate decorative detailing on belts and billfolds. Upon retirement he became an avid wood carver creating many wonderful pieces. In 2001, Gerald was awarded a 4th place ribbon for the carving titled "Gustav" at the Iowa National Wood Carvers Competition.

He is survived by four siblings, Dale (and Mary) Solbreken, Loren (and Donna) Solbreken, JoAnn (and Doug) Pettit and David Solbreken; besides many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Gerald D. Solbreken*

*1935 - 2022*

# *The Broken Chain*

*We little knew that morning that  
God was going to call your name,  
In life we loved you dearly;  
in death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.*

Arrangements By

*Peterson Brothers Funeral Home*  
"Celebrating A Life Remembered"

In Loving Memory Of

# *Gerald D. Solbreken*

October 4, 1935

Gilchrist Twp., Pope Co., Minnesota

July 2, 2022

Willmar, Minnesota

## **Celebration of Life Service**

Saturday, July 9, 2022 - 1:00 p.m.

Sunburg Funeral Home

Sunburg, Minnesota

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Song

*"How Great Thou Art"*

Scripture Readings

Message

Pastor Ron Knutson

Song

*"Amazing Grace"*

Closing Prayers

Song

*"The Old Rugged Cross"*

Benediction

## **Casketbearers**

Gerald's Nephews

## **Interment**

West Lake Johanna Cemetery

Brooten, Minnesota