

In Loving Memory Of

Jack Edgar Gross

June 12, 1938 - November 4, 2022

Memorial Service

Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM
Faith Lutheran Church
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Officiating

Reverend Craig Palach
Gerry Drechsel, organist

Opening Scripture.....Romans 6:3-5
Processional Hymn....."How Great Thou Art"
Invocation and Psalm.....Psalm 23
P: The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
C: He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul.
P: He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You are with me, Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
C: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.
Prayer
Scripture Readings..... Isaiah 25:6-9, John 11:1-6, 17-27
The Apostles' Creed
Musical Solo....."Amazing Grace".....Sarah Velde
Funeral Message
Prayer of the Church and The Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Recessional Hymn....."What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

Honorary Urn Bearers

Ed Brist ~ Duane Drechsel ~ Damon Gumphrey ~ Julie Hines
Kevin Hines ~ Andrew Isaacson ~ Percy Klovstad ~ Casey Love
Kurt Maethner ~ Gary Noble ~ Bob Oscher ~ Larry Peterson
Paul Rund ~ Gary Weinhandl ~ Ray Schrock

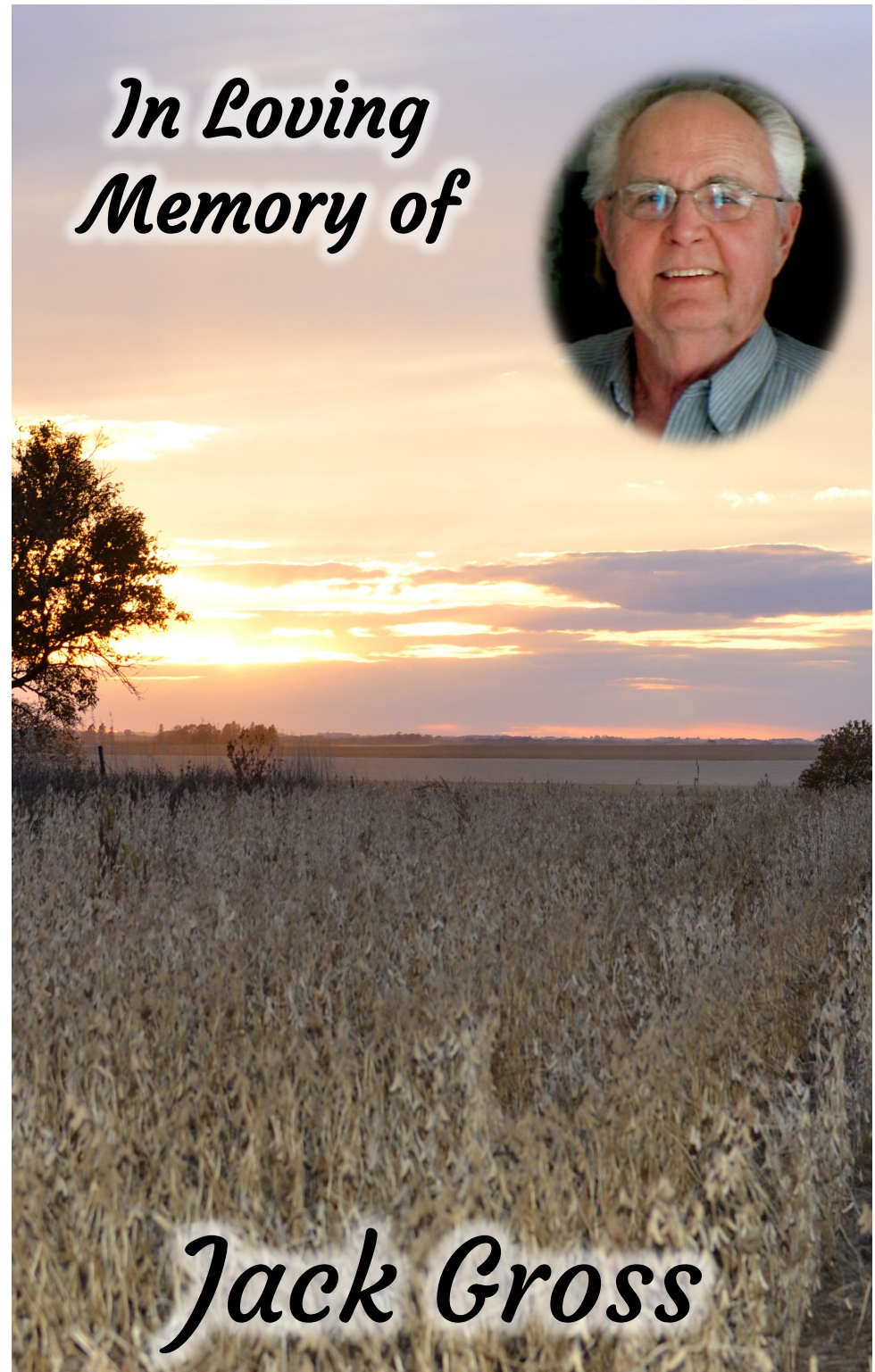
Appreciation

Jack'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.

Arrangements by

Glende-Nilson Funeral Home ~ Fergus Falls ~ www.GlendeNilson.com

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Jack Edgar Gross was born June the 12th, 1938, in Arcadia, FL to Edgar and Dauphine (Schenck) Gross. He grew up in Arcadia and was just 15 when his father died, so he left school to go to work at a very young age, beginning his legacy as a workaholic who did an astounding variety of jobs.

While visiting his mother and grandmother in Fergus Falls, MN, Jack met his wife Mary Jean. Their wedding took place on October 21, 1967 at St. John Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, MN. They lived in Fergus Falls, on Jewett Lake, Pickerel Lake, in the Phelps Mill area, in rural Battle Lake, Hawley, and finally Moorhead. They adopted and raised two spectacularly eccentric children, Tina and Clint, and had one beloved grandchild, Clint's daughter Alexandra (whose name he always pronounced "Alec").

Jack was a carpenter with Lampert Lumber from 1966 to 1970. Beginning in 1970, Jack and Mary Jean owned and ran Gross Disposal Service, which picked up trash from Otter Tail, Wilkin, Traverse and all of Grant counties. After selling the garbage business in 1979, Jack drove semi for Metz Baking until 1995 and was a very active union member. He was a volunteer member of the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Posse for several years. His post-retirement jobs included being a driver and handyman for The Midweek in Fergus Falls, lawn maintenance with KC Lawn Service in Battle Lake, general maintenance at Rapat in Hawley, and doing seasonal hauling of corn, beans, and sugar beets. Other jobs Jack did over the years included lot attendant at a drive-in theater, daycare provider, bug exterminator at a psychiatric hospital, bricklayer, antique dealer, and alligator hunter.

Jack enjoyed entertaining babies (especially in church), watching movies (especially Clint Eastwood), collecting and trading (especially guns, rocks, cars, bicycles, and unusual or mysterious items), woodworking, deer hunting, ice fishing, telling wild (but usually true) stories, and cooking lima (a.k.a. "limer") beans with hush puppies. He collected used license plates from every state he and Mary Jean visited on road trips. He sometimes pretended to dislike cats although he actually loved them, but he really did hate snakes.

Jack was a devoted church member at St. John Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, St. Paul Lutheran Church of Friberg Township, Immanuel Lutheran Church of rural Fergus Falls, and most recently

Faith Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls since 1995. He was baptized with his daughter Tina on July 1, 1973 at St. John in Elizabeth.

After having his first four heart attacks at the age of 44, and triple bypass surgery at 49, the second half of Jack's life was shaped by intense struggles with his heart condition, and later asthma. In 1997, he had heart valve replacement surgery and received a tissue valve that kept him going for twenty-five years, despite having a predicted lifespan of 10-12 years. His family was told on numerous occasions that he had almost no chance of surviving the latest crisis, and yet he made it to old age and withstood multiple bouts of pneumonia and even an emergency transport to Fargo when he was stricken with sepsis.

On Friday, November 4, 2022 Jack passed away surrounded by his loving family, in his home in Moorhead, Minnesota, at the age of eighty-four years.

He was preceded in death by his parents Edgar & Dauphine (Schenck) Gross, mother and father-in-law, Herbert & Marie (Maack) Boese, son Jack Gross Junior, brother Jim Gross, brother-in-law Donald Boese, brother-in-law Dean Duncan, nephew Michael Mortenson, goddaughter Nicole Bratland, and best friend Houston Jenkins.

Jack is survived by his wife, Mary Jean (Boese) Gross; daughter Tina Gross & her husband Juan Zuluaga, son Clint Gross; granddaughter Alexandra Gross & her partner Ben Oberg; sister Helen (Gross) Duncan; brothers and sisters-in-law Warren & Carol (Lukken) Boese, Duane & Joyce (Currier) Boese, Darlene (Moen) Boese, and Charlotte (Johnson) Gross; nieces and nephews Colleen (Terry) Hanson, Jeffrey Boese, Denise (Curt) Lemcke, Stacey (Todd) Herbel, Vicki Klemek, Duane Mortenson, Randy Mortenson, Cory Mortenson, Lance (Kristine) Boese, Heidi (Todd) Schultz, Bart (Lisa) Boese, Brett Boese, Jim Gross, and William III (Tess) Parkyn; numerous cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews; honorary grandson Ryker Ackley; close friends Gary Weinhandl and Larry & Clarice Peterson; and Luna, the cat who got away with everything.

“We’ll never see each other so young again.”