

Ellsworth Leon Molden was born alongside his twin sister, Eileen, on September 29, 1928 to Selmer and Amanda (Olson) Molden in Edison Township, Swift County, and was baptized shortly thereafter. He was a well-rounded, hard-working child, helping both his father farm and his mother with chores around the house. Ellsworth attended country school through the eighth grade and was confirmed at Big Bend Lutheran Church in Chippewa County. He was a handyman that could fix anything, and put his skills to good use working for an International dealer in Montevideo, even though he had a preference for John Deere. A man of many talents, Ellsworth also enjoyed dancing and met his future wife, Violet Sulflow, at a dance at Gladys' Ballroom in Montevideo one night. The two were married on August 19, 1950 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Montevideo. Ellsworth and Violet made their home in the rural Montevideo area at Violet's grandpa's farm. It was at this farm that Ellsworth raised a variety of livestock including sheep, ducks that multiplied too quickly, registered hogs, 1500 chickens, and 325 cattle at one point. Together, Ellsworth and Violet raised three sons on the farm: David, Darrell, and Lynn.

In 1983, Ellsworth and Violet moved to the Holmes City area and worked to build their lake home him and Violet would live in for the next 35 years. Unable to give up his love for farming, he would still travel back to the Montevideo area to help his sons with the family farm. His love of tractors was unmatched. He collected over 40 antique tractors and couldn't resist the insatiable pull of the Elbow Lake John Deere dealer lot. The sight of a tractor dealer would cause an immediate right or left hand turn of his vehicle into their lot. While living in Holmes City, Ellsworth kept busy as a self-employed snowplower and gravel hauler. He was often paid by others in the form of coffee and treats. Ellsworth loved a good cup of coffee and thoroughly enjoyed retirement, frequenting local cafes with his "coffee boys", discussing important retirement "business." Other retirement activities he enjoyed were hunting, fishing, playing cards, and a great antique find at a garage sale. He liked gadgets and his family fondly remembers him purchasing a twist-and-shape workout machine, thinking it would help him to slim down his waistline, only to end up as a blanket holder in the living room.

Ellsworth will be remembered as a jovial, social man that loved to tease and laugh. He had a great sense of humor and could be found perusing his neighborhood in Holmes City on his golf cart, looking for someone outside to socialize with. He was a man that truly lived in the moment.

On Wednesday, February 20, 2019, Ellsworth passed away at the Knute Nelson Care Center at the age of 90. He is preceded in death by his parents, Selmer and Amanda Molden; son, David Molden; twin sister, Eileen Larson; brothers, Harris, Meredith, Warren, and Daryles Molden, and other in-laws.

Ellsworth is survived by his wife of 68 years, Violet; sons Darrell and Lynn (Patty) Molden; grandchildren, Colleen (Pat) Aaberg, Cherlynn (Jason) DeJong, Chris (Jackie) Molden, Ryan Molden, Brenin (Claire) Molden, Teagan Molden; great-grandchildren, Lily, Sam, and Finn Aaberg, London, Addison, Graeme, and Lawson Molden; sister-in-law, Betty Molden, and many nieces and nephews.

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

In Loving Memory of

Ellsworth L. Molden

September 29, 1928



February 20, 2019

Funeral Service
Trinity Lutheran
Church

Holmes City, MN
Mon, Feb. 25, 2019
11:00 AM



Officiant

Julie Carlson

Organist

Jan Myhr

Pallbearers

Chris Molden	Patrick Aaberg
Ryan Molden	Sam Aaberg
Brenin Molden	Jason DeJong

Interment

Sunset Memorial Cemetery
Montevideo, Minnesota

