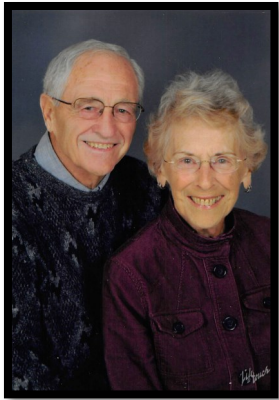


Gerald A. "Pete" Woodard, 89, Frazee, MN,
died Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Oak Crossing in Detroit Lakes.



Gerald Woodard, known as "Pete", was born August 27, 1928 in Frazee, MN to Milton and Jessie Marie (Stacey) Woodard. He was raised and educated in Frazee and is a 1946 graduate of Frazee High School. While in high school, he was a three-sport athlete, lettering in football, basketball and track. Following graduation, Pete enlisted in the U. S. Navy, serving 29 months on the U.S.S. Sabine. Following his discharge, he returned to Frazee where he worked with his dad at Woodard's Bait.

Pete was united in marriage to Mary Mahoney, June 22, 1950. They made their home in Frazee where

Pete was employed with Snappy, Inc. in Detroit Lakes from 1956 to 1990. For many years, he was the plant manager.

He was well known for his interest in amateur baseball and played for the team in Frazee and with the Perham Pirates. After his baseball days, he played fast pitch softball with the Ketter's Meats Team. He was an avid golfer and served for a number of years on the Frazee Golf Course Board of Directors and spent many hours volunteering at the course. He was a three-time winner of the Frazee Father's Day Golf Tournament. He was an enthusiastic follower of all Frazee High School sports and in 2003-2004, was named the Frazee wrestling fan of the year. Pete loved the outdoors, especially time spent in the woods at Itasca Park. He looked forward to all hunting, especially deer hunting. He enjoyed his time spent fishing with his brothers. He also took great pride in caring for his lawn. Above all, Pete was proud of his family and all of their accomplishments.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Mary, of Frazee, daughters: Diane Schumacher of Frazee and Gail (Maurice) Peterson of Cold Spring, MN, Sons: Pat (Anne) of Parker, CO., David (Tami) of Moorhead, MN. 11 grandchildren; Colleen (John) Hoscheid, Stacey (Aaron) Henstorf, Jessica (Josh) Miosek, Ben (Danielle) Peterson, Matt (Elysia) Peterson, Kevin Woodard, Erin Woodard, Cassie Woodard, Andrew Woodard, Cory Woodard, Lexi Woodard, 13 great grandchildren and one great-great grandson; a brother, Neil of Frazee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Robert, sisters-in-law, Becky and Janice Woodard.



GOING HOME

God saw you getting tired
When a cure was not to be
So He closed His arms around you
And whispered, "Come to Me"

You didn't deserve what you went through
And so He gave you rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best

And when I saw you sleeping
I could not wish you back
You're now at peace forever
Safely home at last

Remembering Pete...

Forest Park

*Sandy Bentley
1998*

My Hero

*You held my hand
When I was small
You caught me when I fell
You're the hero of my childhood
And my later years as well*

*And every time I think of you
My heart still fills with pride
Though I'll always miss you Dad
I know you're by my side*

*In laughter and in sorrow
In sunshine and through rain
I know you're watching over me
Until we meet again.*

Author Unknown



In Loving Memory

Gerald Avery "Pete" Woodard

August 27, 1928 ~ March 27, 2018



Service of Christian Burial

*Tuesday - April 3, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.
The David-Donohower Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota
Msgr. David Baumgartner, **Officiating***

Music

*Lexi Woodard, **Viola** and Cassie Woodard, **Soloist**
"The House of God Forever" by Jon Foreman
Sister Patrice Eblen, **Keyboard**
"Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross"*

Casket Bearers

*Pete's Grandchildren
Colleen Hoscheid, Stacey Henstorf, Jessica Miosek
Ben Peterson, Matt Peterson, Kevin Woodard, Erin Woodard
Cassie Woodard, Andrew Woodard, Cory Woodard and Lexi Woodard*

Interment with Military Honors

*Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Frazee, Minnesota
Lake Region Veterans Honor Guard
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota*