

## Remembering the Life....

Jake was born in Wahpeton, North Dakota, the son of Jacob and Gina (Fluto) Lillestol and grew up in Wyndmere, ND, on the family farm. He graduated from Wyndmere High school then proudly served in the Army for two years in the Korean War being honorably discharged in 1955. After the service Jake attended Dakota Business College in Fargo, North Dakota where he met the love of his life, Ardis Bakken. Jake and Ardis married in rural Appleton, Minnesota on April 6th, 1958, they shared a beautiful 66 years together.

After their marriage, Jake attended North Dakota State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting in 1962.

They settled in Fergus Falls, Minnesota in 1963, to their union they were blest with four children; Susan, Steven, Katherine, and Karen.

Jake was employed by Ottertail Power in their Treasury Department and retired after 30 years as Treasurer. During his tenure at Ottertail Power, Jake enlisted and served as a Chaplains Assistant in the Air National Guard, retiring after 20 years as Master Sergeant. He was a lifelong member of the Fergus Falls VFW; the Fergus Falls American Legion, and the Wyndmere American Legion. Jake was a member of Gideons for over 50 years. Jake and Ardis were members of Bethel Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls.

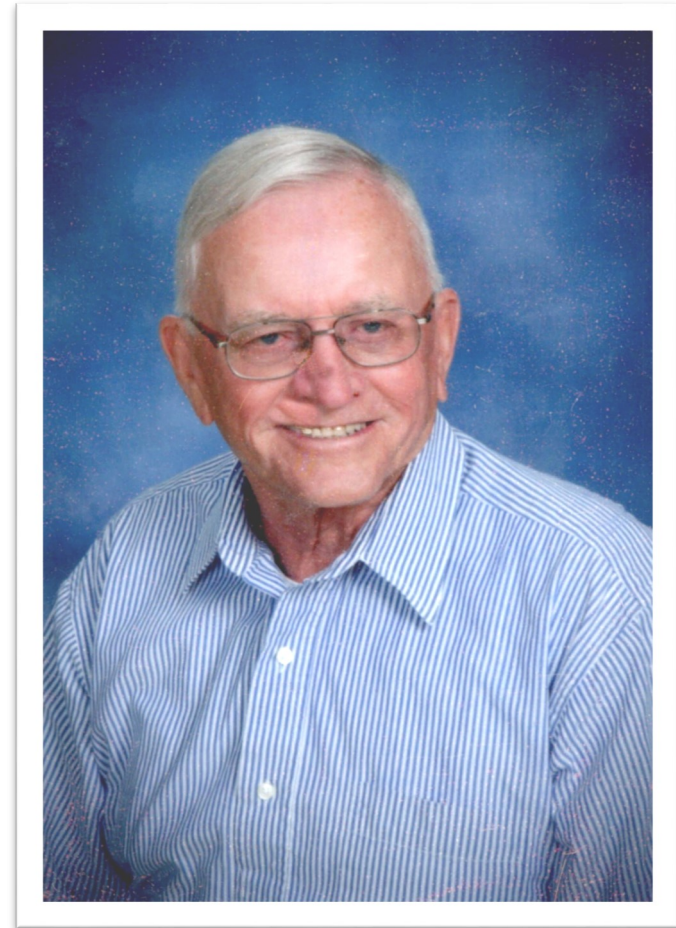
Jake was proud of his Norwegian Heritage and travelled to Norway six times. In the United States, Jake and Ardis enjoyed their winter trips to Florida for 18 years. Jake was member of the Pebble Lake Golf Course where he got "his" hole-in-one. Jake enjoyed his NDSU Bison football games and was a season ticket holder for years. Jake also enjoyed Lutefisk dinners travelling as far as Fargo to the Sons of Norway for Lutefisk. While Jake had a lot of fun on his many outings and adventures, there was one thing that was better than them all his family. Jake was a proud father, grandfather, great grandfather and great-great grandfather.

On Tuesday, April 30, 2024, Jake passed away at his home in Fergus Falls, Minnesota at the age of ninety years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Gina Lillestol; siblings, Jerome (Joan) Lillestol, Beverly (Russell) Janssen, Duane (Arlene) Lillestol and Diane (Richard) Kelly. Jake is survived by his loving wife, Ardis Lillestol of Fergus Falls; four children, Susan (Corey) Johnson of Rapid City, SD, Steven (Keri) Lillestol of Thief River Falls, MN, Katherine (Tim) Rubin of Duluth, MN and Karen (Nate Kaster) Lillestol of Madison, WI; nine grandchildren, Jesse, Erica, Wayne, Matthew, Gabriel, Marisa, Anna, Peter and Grace; 10 great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Blessed be the Memory of Jacob Lillestol

## Celebrating the Life of



Jacob B. Lillestol

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Jacob Bergeaton Lillestol**

July 12, 1933 ~ April 30, 2024

**Funeral Service**

Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 11:00 A.M.  
Bethel Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Prelude Cindy Trulson & Tammie Pattison  
Processional Hymn "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
Welcome & Prayer Reverend David Foss  
Scripture Reading & Tribute Steven Lillestol  
(Psalm 121, Psalm 150, Philippians 4:6-8)  
Special Music Cornel Svaren & Ed Monson  
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"  
Meditation Reverend David Foss  
Hymn Medley Blessed Assurance  
Softly and Tenderly  
To God Be the Glory  
Great is Thy Faithfulness  
America The Beautiful  
Announcements & Benediction Reverend David Foss  
Recessional Hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers"  
Postlude Cindy Trulson & Tammie Pattison

**Casketbearers**

Jacob's Family

**Military Honors**

Harold T. Swenson VFW Post 612 & American Legion Post 30

**Interment**

Bethlehem Cemetery  
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

**Appreciation**

Jacob'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**

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Jesus said, In my Father's house  
are many rooms; if it were not so would  
I have told you that I go to prepare  
a place for you? And when I go  
and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again and will take you  
to myself, that where I am you may be also.  
And you know the way I am going.

I am the way, and the truth, and the life;  
no one comes to the Father; but by me.

Because I live, you will live also.

~ John 14:2-6, 19 ~