



In Loving Memory of

Norman Wessels



Funeral Service

Sunday, April 21, 2023 - 1:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church
Luverne, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Dr. Val Putman

Scripture

II Timothy 4:7 Psalm 23 Revelation 14:13

Music

Organist - Diane Boyenga

Soloist - Todd Wessels, "The Lord's Prayer"

"How Great Thou Art" - As recorded by Alan Jackson

"I Can Only Imagine" - As recorded by MercyMe

Congregational Hymn

"I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry"

Casket Bearers

Kristi Van Dyken	Theresa Wessels
Doug Wessels	David Wessels
Lowell Wessels	Harold Wessels

Interment

Maplewood Cemetery
Luverne, Minnesota

Arrangements By

HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME

Norman Wessels was born August 28, 1928 to Frederick and Jennie (Bergman) Wessels in Nobles County, Minnesota. He was the second of twelve children. He grew up in the Ash Creek and Hardwick area. The Wessels family moved to their family farm, south of Ash Creek, in 1942. He was baptized and confirmed at the State Line Ebenezer Church. He attended school in Rock County. Following school, he lived on the farm. He first crossed paths with his future bride while attending first grade in country school. Norman's family moved for a short time and they were reacquainted at Sunday School a few years later. He was united in marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Joyce Reemts on January 14, 1949 at the Presbyterian Manse at the State Line Ebenezer Church. The couple lived for a short time in Rock Rapids, Iowa and then Ash Creek before settling into their home in Luverne in 1954. Norman worked in manufacturing for his whole career. He was the plant and production manager at A.R. Wood Manufacturing Company for 29 years and then 11 years in that same position at Luverne Truck Equipment, Company. Following retirement, Norman and Joyce enjoyed spending more time at their lake home on Lake Shetek and their winter home in Texas. On May 23, 2020, Joyce preceded Norman in death. Norman joined her in heaven on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 while under hospice care at the Country View Manor in Sibley Iowa.

Norman was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Luverne where he served as a Deacon, Trustee and also on various committees throughout the years. He was a member of the Rock County Historical Society. He was a Jaycee and past member of the Masonic Lodge and El Riad Shrine. He served as director of the board for the Pine to Palm Resort Park. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, pitching softball for many summers, bowling, and a game of horse shoes. He loved spending time with Joyce, his wife of 71 years, and working on her "honey do" lists. His family and friends knew him well for his skill as a handyman.

Norman is lovingly remembered by his children, Linda (Dick Knapper) Schoon of Luverne, and Mark (Lin) Wessels of Rock Rapids; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brothers, Lowell Wessels of Steen, Minnesota, Harold Wessels of Luverne, Douglas Wessels of Hardwick, and David (Beverly) Wessels of Steen; sister, Enore Boelman of Luverne; daughter-in-law, Linda Wessels of Rock Rapids; sisters-in-law, Gladys (Herman) Walker of Sioux Falls, Theresa Wessels of Luverne, and Gertrude Wessels of Luverne; brother-in-law, Ed Elbers of Luverne; other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce; son, Michael Wessels; grandson, Andy Wessels; great-granddaughter, Lucille Sailor; siblings, Vernice Wessels, Dale Wessels, Darrel Wessels, Stanley Wessels, Phyllis Schouwenberg, and Iva Elbers; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Johnson, Sharon Wessels, Jolene Wessels, and Ginny Wessels; brothers-in-law, Edwin Boelman, and Donald Schouwenberg; and parents, Fred and Jennie Wessels.

(Lovingly written by Joyce Wessels)