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They've withstood the test of time.

These old hands tell a story  
They're rugged, unique, they're mine.

I've held these hands in tight salute  
At home and on distant shores.  
These hands have fought for freedom  
Keeping Old Glory through many wars.

So if you see me struggling  
Lets join our precious hands,  
For when we come together  
Our Strength is in our hands.

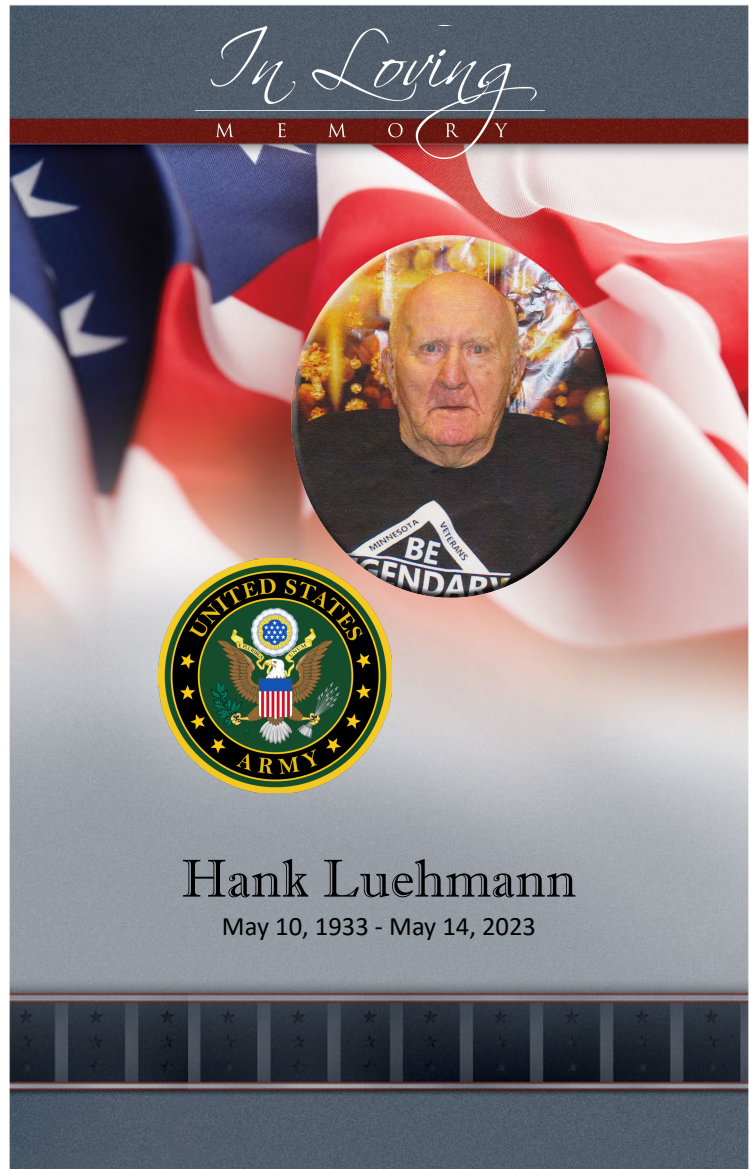
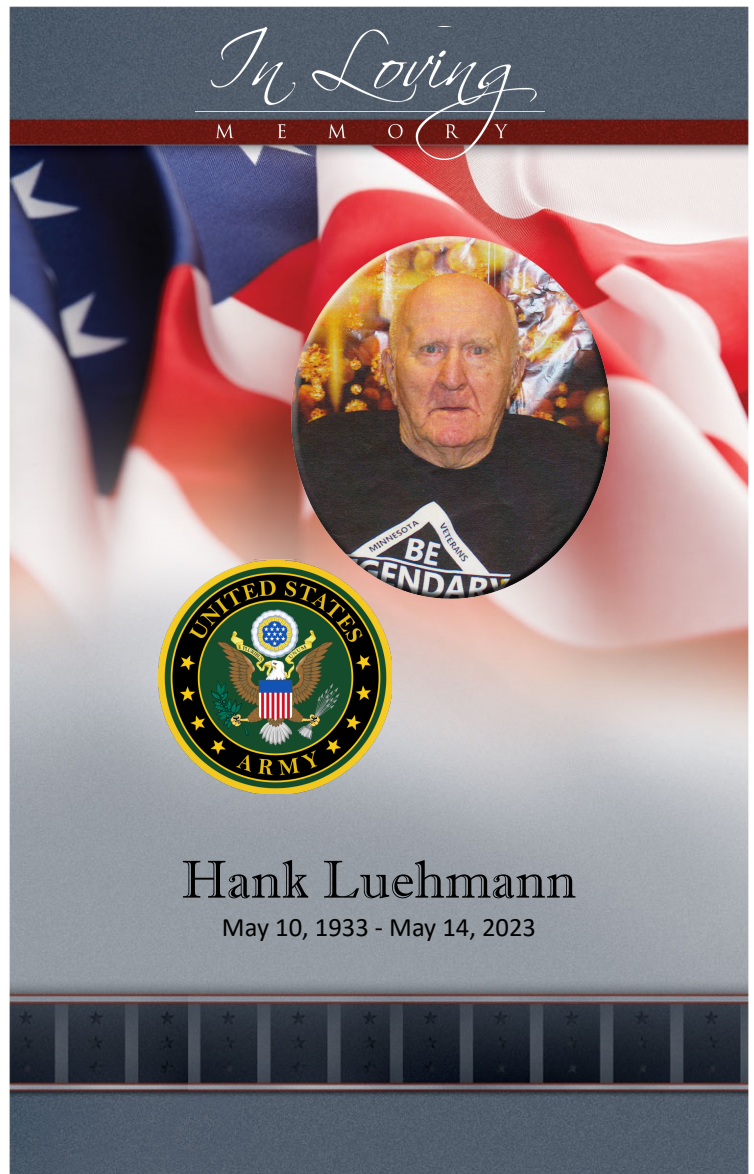


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