

Arlen was born on February 4, 1934, to Albert and Ethel (Tribke) Steffens in DeVillo Township. He was raised on the family farm near Fairmount, ND and attended country school in DeVillo Township.

He was united in marriage to Rosemary Matthys on November 10, 1956 in Wahpeton, ND. They made their home in Minneapolis for 10 years and in 1966, they moved to the family farm near Tyler, ND.

Arlen worked at NDSCS as a custodian for 30 years, as well as farmed. In 1999, he retired from farming and continued to live on the family farm. In 2019, they moved into Wahpeton. He enjoyed antique tractors, auction sales, farming, and playing Rook. He truly enjoyed his time with family, friends, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, of 66 years, Rosemary; his children, David (Debbie) Steffens, Daniel (Denise) Steffens, and Arlinda (Jerome) Mauer; 6 grandchildren, Darrin (Alissa) Steffens, Nicholas (Kasey) Mauer, Darcy (Jeff) Bruns, Anthony (Ali) Steffens, Jacob (Ashley) Mauer, and Michael Mauer; 11 great-grandchildren, Brinley, Nora, Masey, Morgan, Vera, Sophy, Owen, Aiden, Axel, McKenzie, and Patrick; sister, DiAnn Loll; brothers, Albert (Amanda) Steffens Jr., Delbert (Rita) Steffens, and Roger (Linda) Steffens.

Arlen was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Stanley Loll; his granddaughter and step-granddaughter.

Treasured Seasons

*To everything there is
a season, and a time
for every purpose
under heaven:*

*A time to be born and
a time to die; a time to
plant, and a time to
pluck up that which is
planted;*

*A time to kill and a
time to heal; a time to
break down and a
time to build up;*

*A time to weep, and a
time to laugh; a time to
mourn and a time to
dance;*

*A time to cast away
stones, and a time to
gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and
a time to refrain from
embracing.*

*A time to get, and a
time to lose; a time to
keep, and a time to
cast away;*

*A time to rend, and a
time to sew; a time to
keep silence and a
time to speak;*

*A time to love, and a
time to hate; a time of
war and
a time of peace.*

Arlen William Steffens **1934 - 2023**



In Loving Memory

Arlen William Steffens



Born

February 4, 1934 | DeVillo Township, North Dakota

Passed Away

August 16, 2023 | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Age

89 Years | 6 Months | 12 Days

Funeral Service

10:00 AM | Saturday, August 19, 2023
Breckenridge Lutheran Church | Breckenridge, Minnesota

Officiant

René Hasbargen

Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

Vocalist

Brian Olsen | “Amazing Grace” | “The Lord’s Prayer”

Congregational Hymns

Hymn No. 856 | “How Great Thou Art”
Hymn No. 787 | “On Eagles Wings”


Pallbearers | Grandchildren

Darrin Steffens | Darcy Bruns | Anthony Steffens
Nicholas Mauer | Jacob Mauer | Michael Mauer

Interment

St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery | Tyler, North Dakota

Homecoming



*I believe there is Someone waiting for me,
Waiting to say: “Welcome Home!” Someone
I have never seen, but whom I will
recognize in the depths of my
heart because He has lived
there since the beginning
of time. Someone who has
never doubted my return,
never failed to still my
doubts about my
return. I believe there
is Someone who knows
me so intimately,
loves me so totally,
that joy will spark
spontaneously when
we reunite in the land
Of immortal Birth. Tears
will be wiped away;
Sadness and fear will
disappear as mist when it
meets the morning sun. This is
whom I seek, who seeks me. He has
never left me alone. For He is Self of my self,
Soul of my soul, Life of my very life.*

-Sr. Joan Metzner