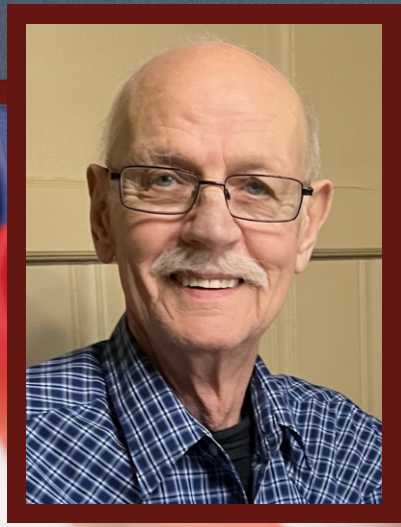




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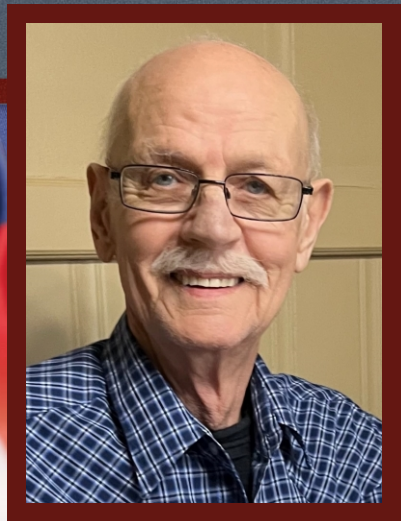
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After the girls were grown, the couple moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota where he had the opportunity to dispatch trucklines in the Twin Cities. Then the couple settled in Blaine, Minnesota for awhile. During this time, Ardell and Connie built a home and started to breed rabbits. They raised Mini Rex and Checkered Giant rabbits, competing in several rabbit shows. They moved again to Pipestone for a bit, living on an acreage and raising horses together. The couple retired to their current home in Jasper, Minnesota where they lived happily. Ardell passed away on Monday, August 26, 2024, at the age of 81 years, 3 months and 30 days.

Ardell loved to stay busy. He was always working on a woodworking project, whether it was building children's picnic tables to donate to a fundraiser or spending hours crafting mini churches with Connie for loved ones. Ardell was good with his hands and put hours of labor and love into his projects. He enjoyed casino trips with Connie and traveling from state to state with Jamie. He loved snowmobiling and never turned down a cold beer at happy hour with his friends, especially Doug and Bryce. Ardell will be remembered for his deep voice and his singing ability - he's now singing duets with Harold from The Statler Brothers up in heaven now! Ardell proudly served in the Navy from January of 1961 to January of 1963. His name is engraved on a plaque at the Doon Veterans Park. His humor and ability to always state the truth, even when no one wanted to hear it, will be deeply missed.

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MC'd by

Benjamin Hansen

Urn Bearer

Travis Ryan

Military Honors

Michael Boock American Legion Post 6
Pipestone, Minnesota

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