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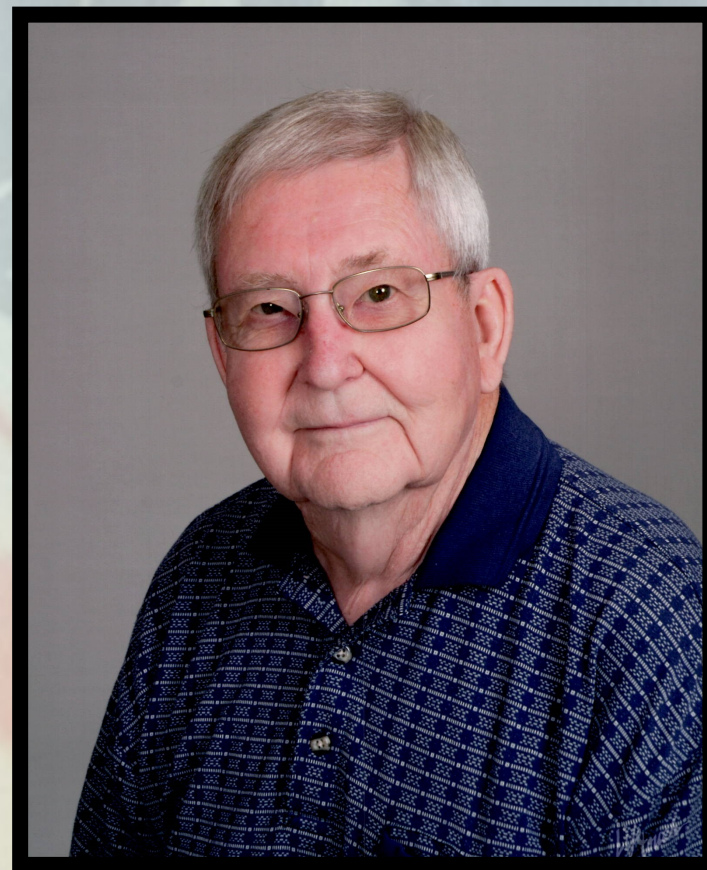
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*Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road
To sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all are meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay. . .
Our destination is a place
Far greater than we know
For some, the journey's quicker,
For some, the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.*

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October 8, 1928 ~ Lake Park, Minnesota
July 10, 2023 ~ Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Memorial Service

Monday, July 17, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated by

Pastor Ann Jacobson

Urn Bearer

Evan Berg-Dibley

Eulogy by

Joyce Newton & Viki Sand

Readings by

Rachelle Jystad

Reflections by

Chaplain Kurt Jacobson

Accompanist

Julie Aanenson

Solos by

Robert Littlefield & Terry Dibley

Piano Solo by

Evan Berg-Dibley

Military Honors by

The Lake Region Veteran's Color Guard

Interment

Eksjo Lutheran Church Cemetery
Lake Park, Minnesota

Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota