



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Glen Owen Werk

OCTOBER 27, 1930 – DECEMBER 17, 2022

Services At:
Kongsvinger Lutheran Church — Donnelly, Minnesota
Wednesday — December 28, 2022 — 10:30 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:
Reverend Rochelle Anderson

Musician:
Sue Erdahl-Nelson

Music Selections:
“Joy To The World”
“Nearer My God To Thee”
“Hark The Herald Angels Sing”

Pallbearers:
Jeremiah Thompson, Jason Werk, Matthew Brewster
Joshua Werk, Levi Berger, Nick Lehman, Ryan Bothun
Mike Ornberg, Sean Sorteberg, Jesse Rise

Honorary Pallbearers:
“All of Glen’s Horseshoe and Card Playing Friends”

Interment:
Kongsvinger Lutheran Cemetery
Donnelly, Minnesota

In lieu of sending individual notes, we would like to take this opportunity to say a very heartfelt “Thank You” to everyone for your many acts of kindness and support during this difficult time.

I farmed the land,
I tramped the wood,
These are the things I understood.

No grand schemes, they passed me by.
I knew the brook, the hills, the sky.

To hunt a bird, to wet a line,
Gifts from God, so good and fine.

Friend and kin, I LOVED THEM SO;
Although I’m gone, I’m sure they know,

I’m now at peace, life’s battle done,
I’ve faced the foe and *I have won.*

- By: Earl Smithson

Glen Owen Werk, son of Oscar and Mabel (Derby) Werk, was born October 27, 1930 at his home in Roseville Township, Grant County, Minnesota, where he grew up and attended country school. He later graduated from Herman High School with the class of 1948. Following graduation, Glen began farming with his father. He was united in marriage to Gertie Kruize on October 11, 1952 at Kongsvinger Lutheran Church. In the Spring of 1952, Glen and Gertie bought Glen's Grocery in Donnelly and lived in an attached apartment. In March of 1955, Glen was drafted to the United States Army serving until his honorable discharge in March of 1957. When Glen returned from the service, the family made their home on the family farm where they raised their four children: Jerry, Mary, Nancy and Randy. In 1986, Glen and Gertie moved to Donnelly. Glen owned and operated Glen's grocery, later Donnelly Supermarket for 54 years, closing in 2006. Following their retirement, Glen and Gertie enjoyed nine winters in Arizona. In May of 2020, Glen moved to West Wind Village in Morris where he continued to live until the time of his death.

Glen was a member of Kongsvinger Lutheran Church. He enjoyed duck and goose hunting, softball, playing cards and horseshoes. He started the horseshoe tournament at the Donnelly Threshing Bee, and was inducted into the Minnesota Gopher State Horseshoe Pitchers Association Hall of Fame. Glen and Gertie took many trips; a few of their favorites being Hawaii, Germany and Norway. He took pride in keeping his lawn neat. He loved mowing, but hated weeds! Most of all, Glen loved his family. He was so proud of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Glen passed away Saturday, December 17, 2022 at West Wind Village in Morris. He was 92 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years: Gertie Werk of Donnelly; four children: Jerry (Mary) Werk of Herman, Mary Brewster of Fargo, ND, Nancy (Paul) Thompson of Herman and Randy (Louisa) Werk of Herman; 11 grandchildren: Jeremiah Thompson, Christina (Levi) Berger, Laura (Nick) Lehman, Rachel (Ryan) Bothun, Jason Werk, Matthew (Jen) Brewster, Jill Winther, Heidi (Mike) Ornberg, Sara (Jesse) Rise, Joshua Werk (Bailey), Amanda (Sean) Sorteberg and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; numerous aunts and uncles; grandson-in-law: Ryan Winther and great-granddaughter: Adalyn Joy Bothun.

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