

Chester was born on July 12, 1929, at home in Maine Township, Minnesota, to Van and Gladys (Shepley) Trites. He grew up in rural Battle Lake and later Erhard, graduating from Underwood High School in 1947. He stayed on the family farm working with his father and brothers until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1952. While in the Army, he trained at the Pentagon and worked as a cryptographer at NATO Headquarters South Europe in Naples, Italy, achieving the rank of corporal.

After his discharge from the Army, Chester studied agricultural business at the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1958.

He married Adelyne Anne Hintsala on April 12, 1958, at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills.

Chester and Adelyne moved from Minneapolis to Wadena, and, in 1962, they moved to their newly built home in Pelican Rapids where they raised their children. Chester drove truck for nearly 50 years acquiring many acquaintances and stories.

Chester was a member of Pelican Rapids Baptist Church for nearly 55 years, and he served as a trustee, elder, deacon, congregational chair, and even preached when the need arose. Chester's highest priority was family, and he loved participating in the annual Trites family reunions. He enjoyed traveling, sharing stories, telling jokes, spending time with his grandchildren, going to church and Bible study, and hunting and fishing.

He was well known for his friendliness, kindness, generosity, and interest in getting to know people. He also took the time to speak with everyone and did his best to make others feel comfortable when he was present.

Chester Willard Trites, 93, Fergus Falls, formerly of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, passed away on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Minnesota Veterans Home, Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Chester was preceded in death by his wife Adelyne, his daughter Mary, his parents, three sisters Beatrice Trites, Hulda Butcher, and Gladys Trites; and six brothers Bernard, Fillmore, Harry, Russell, Van Jr., and Kenneth.

Chester is survived by his son, Charles (Melanie) Trites of Corpus Christi, TX, daughters Elizabeth (Timothy) Norheim of Victoria, MN, Jill Trites of Chanhassen, MN, and Janet Trites of San Carlos, CA; five grandchildren, Kendra (Erik) Saxvik, Andrew Trites, Jonathan Norheim, Amy Norheim, and Benjamin Norheim; great-grandsons Sawyer and Fynn Saxvik; sister Patricia Hunt, sister-in-law Joan Trites, along with many nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

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Arrangements by Larson Funeral Home
304 3rd Street SE, Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

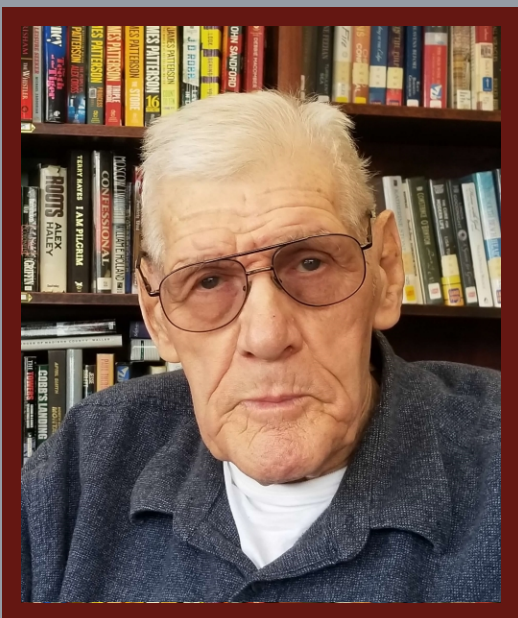


In Memory Of
Chester Willard Trites

July 12, 1929 - March 18, 2023



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The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,
He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Chester Willard Trites

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Friday, May 5, 2023-11:00 a.m.

Rothsay Baptist Church

Rothsay, Minnesota

CLERGY

Reverend Julie Faltinson

REMEMBRANCES

Chester's Daughters

Elizabeth Norheim, Jill Trites, Janet Trites

SCRIPTURE READER

Chester's Son-in-law

Timothy Norheim

MUSIC

Pianist-Nadine Brown

— Congregational Hymns —

"Old Rugged Cross"

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Soloist-Laura Hagen

"How Great Thou Art"

"Amazing Grace"

PALLBEARERS

Andrew Trites, Timothy Norheim

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jonathan Norheim, Benjamin Norheim, Timothy Femling

Joseph Butcher, Kevin Butcher, William Hunt

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Post #17

Pelican Rapids V.F.W. Post #5252

Minnesota Military Funeral Honors

INTERMENT

Lake Lida Cemetery

Rural Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

Chester's family gratefully acknowledges your attendance and many kind expressions of sympathy during their time of loss and invite you to join them for lunch and fellowship following the service.