

Garry was born with his twin brother, Larry in Perham on August 8, 1948 to Frank and Winnifred (Smith) Menz. He attended St. Henry's grade school and graduated from Perham High School in 1966.

Garry and his brother Larry enlisted in the Navy in February of 1967 and went to boot camp in Great Lakes, IL. They were then stationed aboard the USS Forrestal CVA-59 and made three deployments, one with 7 fleet in Vietnam and two with 6 fleet to the Mediterranean. In March of 1973, Garry reenlisted in the Naval Reserve and served his country for another 23 years and retired as Chief Petty Officer.

After his active time in the Navy, Garry lived in Minneapolis and worked at Sears for over 20 years until the store closed. Garry then returned to Perham where he worked for Perham Sand & Gravel and Barrel O' Fun. He was a member of the Perham VFW, the Dent American Legion, and St. Henry's Catholic Church. Garry enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends and shooting sports.

Surviving Garry are his twin brother, Larry of Esko, MN; sister-in-law, Cheryl Menz of Perham; nieces and nephews Christopher (Amanda) Menz of Perham, Brian (Jodie) Menz of Princeton, MN, Jodi Hellman of Duluth, MN, and Jeremy Menz of Duluth.

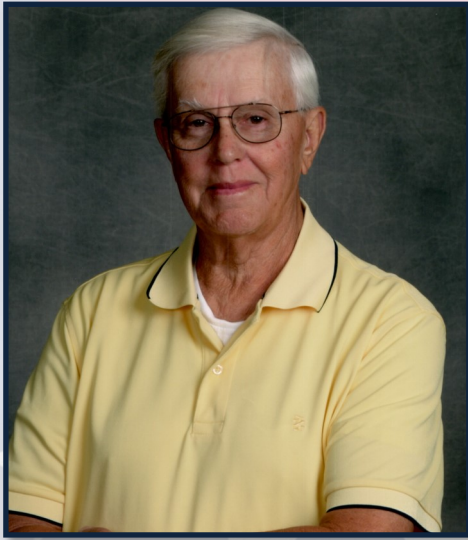
Preceding Garry in death were his parents; his brother Tom; and his sister-in-law, Pattie Menz.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF



Garry James Menz

August 8, 1948 - April 15, 2024



I Am Standing Upon the Seashore

I am standing upon the seashore.

A ship, at my side,
spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts
for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.

I stand and watch her until,
at length, she hangs like a speck
of white cloud just where the sea and sky
come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone"

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all.

She is just as large in mast,
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.

And, she is just as able to bear her load
of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me - not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices
ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Henry's Catholic Church - Perham, Minnesota

Officiants

Father George Michael

Deacon Richard Quistorff

Musicians

Ann Koll - Tina Grewe

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace"

"As the Deer Longs"

"How Great Thou Art"

"On Eagle's Wings"

"Song of Farewell"

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Reader

BJ Peters

Readings

Isaiah 25: 6a, 7-9

Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7

John 14: 1-6

Urn Bearers

Michael Menz - Luke Menz

Interment

(at a later date)

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

Little Falls, Minnesota