

Orval Kohls was born at home on March 6, 1941 in rural Blomkest, Minnesota to Elizabeth (Miller) and Arthur Kohls. He was baptized and confirmed in Danube, MN. Orval graduated from Danube High School in 1959.

After high school, he went to work at the Cargill elevator in Blomkest. In 1961 he began working for Duininck Brothers. During that time, he met Gayle, who would become his wife and lifelong partner.

Orval and Gayle were married on November 30, 1968. As they started their family, Orval decided to find work closer to home. In 1969 he took a position with the Danube Elevator and was promoted to General Manager in 1973.

In 1983 Orval and Gayle moved to Wheaton, MN with their three boys. He began working at the Wheaton Dumont Co-Op Elevator until retiring in 2005.

Orval served on the Danube City Council, the fire department, and the church board. He also served on several grain association boards over the years.

Retirement didn't slow Orval down. He worked as a crop adjuster for RCIS and spent time at the local John Deere dealership. He truly enjoyed staying connected to the farming community.

Orval and Gayle enjoyed their lake place, attending grandchildren's sporting events, and vacationing.

Orval also enjoyed the camaraderie of his Bible study, morning breakfasts, and men's night.

Orval's memory lives on in his wife, Gayle of Wheaton, MN; his son, Brent (Jennifer) Kohls of Mayville, ND; his grandchildren, Jerica Lahlum; Jaxton (Emily) Henning; Jake Kohls; Sam Kohls; Ben Kohls; Abigayle Kohls; Julia (Sam) Satrom; and Lauren Kohls; and his great-grandchildren, Jerzy Luehring, Ryatt Luehring, Barrett Lahlum, and Colson Henning.

Orval was preceded in death by his parents, sons Barry Henning and Brad Kohls, and brother Eldon Kohls.



In Memory Of Orval Arthur Kohls

March 6, 1941 ~ February 16, 2026



The Dedicated Hand

***A golden heart stopped beating,
Hardworking hands at rest.
It broke our hearts to see you go,
God only takes the best.
Your life was love and labour,
Your love for family true,
You worked so hard for all of us,
We will always remember you.***

In Memory Of
Orval Arthur Kohls

Date of Birth
March 6, 1941

Entered Into Rest
February 16, 2026

Funeral Services

11:00 AM, February 20, 2026

St. John Lutheran Church - Wheaton, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Bill Aufdenkamp

Organist

Theresa Thiel

Pallbearers "Orval's Grandchildren"

Jerica Lahlum Jaxton Henning Abigayle Kohls

Jake Kohls Julia Satrom Ben Kohls

Sam Kohls Lauren Kohls

Private Family Interment

St. John Lutheran Cemetery - Wheaton, Minnesota

Please join family immediately following today's service
at the Wheaton American Legion for a time of lunch
and fellowship.