

**Erwin C. Atzenhoefer**, age 85, of rural Trimont, passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side on Sunday, January 19, 2025.

Erwin Atzenhoefer was born on September 27, 1939, to Willard and Dora (Urhammer) Atzenhoefer on their family farm. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Trimont, where his faith became a cornerstone of his life. Erwin graduated from Trimont High School with the class of 1957 and pursued further education at Vo-Tech in Austin, MN, where he specialized as a Farm Equipment Mechanic.

Following his training, Erwin answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army. He served in the Cavalry Division as a Tank Mechanic, a role that combined his mechanical expertise with his dedication to his country. On September 1, 1962, Erwin married the love of his life, Rosemary Grunert, in Fort Carson, CO. Their union was blessed with four children: Gail, Jessica, Michael, and Dale. The family initially made their home in Welcome before moving to a farm in rural Trimont in 1983. Erwin was a devoted farmer and a skilled mechanic, working at Railway Motors/Harsco and Hodgeman's Shop. His passion for machinery and his knack for fixing things kept his hands busy and his mind sharp.

Erwin's commitment to his community was evident through his many years as a 4H leader and his active involvement at Waverly Lutheran Church, where he held various leadership positions. He was also a proud member of the International Harvester Club, where he shared his love for agricultural machinery and fellowship with others.

Erwin will forever be remembered by his loving wife of 62 years, **Rosemary**; daughters, **Gail** Lewis and **Jessica** (Orlin) Howe; sons, **Michael** (Ann) Atzenhoefer and **Dale** (Jen) Atzenhoefer; grandchildren, Paul Lewis, Benjamin Lewis, Charles (Kayla) Lewis, Jacob (Shannon) Lewis, Cody (Tasha) Howe, Logan Howe, Evan (Emily) Atzenhoefer, April (Tom) Atzenhoefer, Addalyn Atzenhoefer, Ruby Atzenhoefer, Dakota Karge, and Delaney Karge; great-grandchildren, Kaylynn, Waylon, Aubrey, Oakley, Sawyer, and Brooke; brothers, Donald Atzenhoefer and Kenneth (Roberta) Atzenhoefer; sister, Karen (Clem) Manders; nieces and nephews; as well as many other family and friends.

Erwin was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Dora; grandson, Oryan Howe; and sister-in-law, Marsha Atzenhoefer.

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*In Loving Memory*

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*September 27, 1939 - January 19, 2025*

Celebrating the Life of

# Erwin C. Atzenhoefer

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God saw him getting tired,  
and a cure was not to be.  
He wrapped him in His loving arms  
and whispered "Come with me."

He suffered much in silence,  
his spirit did not bend.  
He faced his pain with courage,  
until the very end.

He tried so hard to stay with us  
but his fight was not in vain,  
God took him to His loving home  
and freed him from the pain.

If you would like to leave a message of sympathy for Erwin's family  
or view his service and tribute video you can do so by following this  
QR code or visiting his obituary page at [www.sinnfuneralhome.com](http://www.sinnfuneralhome.com)



Visitation

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Friday, January 24, 2025  
Waverly Lutheran Church

Celebration of Life

11:00 AM

Friday, January 24, 2025  
Waverly Lutheran Church

Officiant

Pastor Kelly France

Pianist

Nancy Nordstrom

Music

Beautiful Savior

Rock of Ages

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Congregational

Congregational

Church Choir

Congregational

Honorary Urn Bearers

Erwin's Grandchildren

Final Resting Place

Waverly Lutheran Cemetery