



Merville “Merv” W. Steen, age 92, of Jackson passed away peacefully on Friday, July 19, 2024, at Temperance Lake Ridge in Sherburn, MN.

“**Bonnie**” (**Buchan**) **Steen** passed away at the Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Friday, July 11, 2014 at the age of 79 years

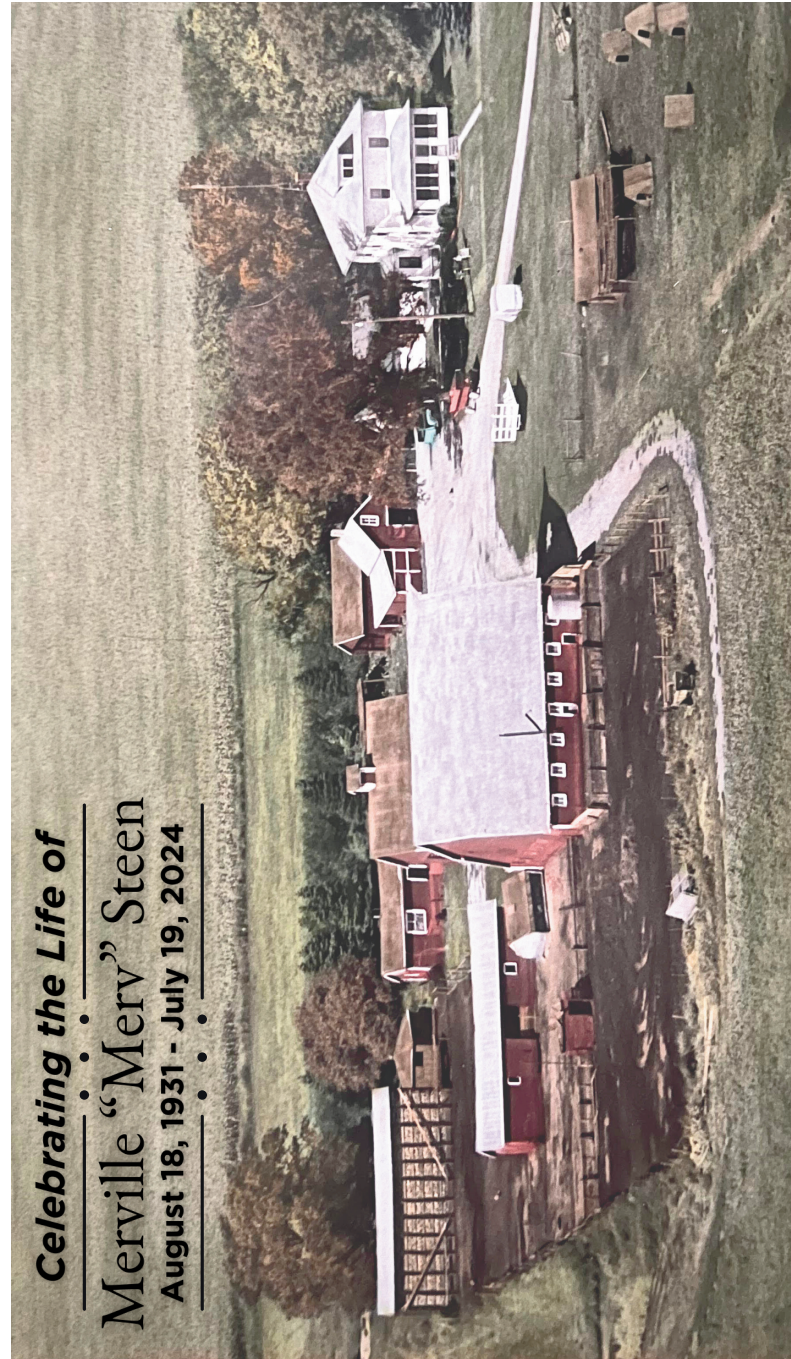
Merv was born on August 18th, 1931, in Warren, Minnesota to August and Elsie (Potratz) Steen. He graduated from Trimont High School before enlisting in the United States Air Force. While serving as an airman, Merv spent most of his time in Japan as a radio operator directing aircrafts.

On June 4, 1955, he was united in marriage to LaVonne “Bonnie” Buchan at the First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. After their marriage, they farmed in Enterprise Township and raised four children, Merry Jo, Pat, Sandy, and Brian.

Merv was active on numerous boards and many community and church organizations. He grilled countless pork chops with the Jackson County Pork Producers and was honored to be an active part of his community however he could. Merv and Bonnie traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan.

Merv is survived by his children, **Merry Jo** (Mike) Escher, **Pat** (Sam) Jones, **Sandy** (Jeff) Bjorkman and **Brian** (LeeAnn) Steen; 9 grandchildren, Carey (Escher) and Jeff Huebert, Michelle (Escher) and Darin Kooima, Justin and Angela Escher, Sam and Megan Jones, Kyle and Hanna Bjorkman, Jessica (Bjorkman) and Jayme Olson, Sabrina (Steen) and Kyle Wooters, Matraca (Steen) and Jake Hanson, and Rebecca (Steen) and Jake Sinn; 19 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Art Syverson; sisters-in-law, Gladys Steen and Peggy Burgeson; and other relatives and friends.

Merv was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Bonnie, who passed away on July 11, 2014; parents, August and Elsie; brother, Raymond Steen; sisters, Dorothy (Arden) Kvestad and Mary Ann (Roland) Philipp; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ernest and Helen (Graves) Buchan Bonnie’s siblings, Beulah Erickson, Beryl Buchan, Joan Hartke, and Cleone Syverson.



Celebrating the Life of

Merville “Merv” Steen

August 18, 1931 - July 19, 2024



In Loving Memory of



Merv W. Steen

Born

August 18, 1931
Warren, Minnesota

Entered Into Rest

Friday, July 19, 2024
Sherburn, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

11:30 AM - Saturday, July 27, 2024
Sinn Family Celebration of Life Center

Officiant

Pastor Russ Steele

Special Music

On Eagles Wings
Faith of Our Fathers
How Great Thou Art
The Lord's Prayer

Grandchildren as Honorary Bearers

Sam Jones

Justin Escher

Sabrina Wooters

Matraca Hanson

Carey Escher Huebert

Michelle Escher Kooima

Jessica Olson

Kyle Bjorkman

Rebecca Sinn

Military Honors

Thomas P. Saxton American Legion Post 356
Sherburn VFW Post 8261
Grand Forks AFB Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Sunset Cemetery, Jackson, MN

My Time to Rest

*The time is here, our good Lord said,
to close my eyes and rest.
Enter the heavenly gates with me;
you've passed your final test.*

*I know my loved ones care for me,
and pray that I will stay;
but after a good life on this Earth,
I must be on my way.*

*And so, dear friends and family,
it is time for me to rest.
God has taken my hand and said,
He always accepts the best.
-Written by a friend*

To view Merv's tribute video or watch a recording of his service, please follow this QR code or visit his obituary page at www.sinnfuneralhome.com



Please join Merv's family after his service and military honors for fellowship in the reception hall.