

Going Home

Going home, going home, I'm just going home. Quiet light, some still day, I'm just going home.

It's not far, just close by through an open door. Work all done, care laid by, Going to fear no more.

Mother's there expecting me, Father's waiting, too. Lots of folk gathered there, All the friends I knew.

All the friends I knew, I'm going home.
Nothing's lost, all's gain, No more fret nor pain.
No more stumbling on the way, No more longing for the day.
Going to roam no more.

Excerpt from: "Going Home" by Annie Haslam

Jack Edward Gable

WHO WAS BORN June 27, 1932 Ladysmith, Wisconsin

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME January 12, 2019 Sioux Falls, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE Wednesday, January 16, 2019 - 10:30 a.m. New Life Community Baptist Church Ortonville, Minnesota

> OFFICIANT Rev. Philip Ostlund

MUSICIANS Linda Ostlund, Pianist Mary Ross, Violinist

CASKET BEARERS

Brent Jacobson Dalen Roe John Stolpman

Doug McKinney Dr. Robert Ross Rusty Dimberg

HONORARY BEARERS Milltones Barbershop Chorus Ortonville Kiwanis Members

> INTERMENT Mound Cemetery Ortonville, Minnesota

Jack's Coffee Group

APPRECIATION

Jack's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for snacks and fellowship in the church dining hall.

> ARRANGEMENTS BY Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home Ortonville, Minnesota



Jack Edward Gable was born on June 27, 1932, in Ladysmith, WI. He was the second son of Clarence and Edna (Johnson) Gable. Jack graduated from Ladysmith High School in 1950 and began his employment with the JC Penney Company in November of that year. He retired in 1992 with 42 years of service. In 1954, Jack married his high school sweetheart, Elaine Shepherd, and they began to raise their family of four children. His job took the family from Ladysmith to Berlin, WI, to Stevens

Point, WI, to Waupun, WI, then to Rock Rapids, IA, and finally to Ortonville, MN, where he retired.

Jack loved to sing and was part of barbershop quartets from his high school days on, as well as church choirs, community choruses, and musical productions. He directed the Milltones Barbershop Chorus in Milbank for a number of years. While living in Iowa, Jack and his wife helped organize the Rock Rapids Community Theatre, which became the River Valley Players, and took part in most of their productions. They also performed in dinner theatres in several communities.

Both Jack and Elaine were baptized as teenagers and were active members of the Church of Christ in Ladysmith until they moved to Berlin, WI, where they helped plant the Sunnyside Church of Christ in Oshkosh, WI. They have been members of the New Life Community Baptist Church in Ortonville since 1983, where Jack was a Sunday school teacher and served as deacon for many years.

Jack and Elaine continued their interest in theatre and, in 1983, organized the Big Stone Area Community Theatre, directing and performing in many dinner theatre productions. They also appeared in Willmar, MN, for 21 performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" with Jack in his favorite role as Tevye.

He was a 55 year member of Kiwanis in both Iowa and in Ortonville. He served a term as lieutenant governor shortly after his retirement and has been song leader throughout his career.

Jack is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elaine; children: Lisa Ver Meer, Nikki (Jerry) Dvorak, Kevin (Beth) Gable, and Allison (Scott) Van Aartsen; grandchildren: Michelle Ver Meer (Chad), Kevin Jr. and Cora Gable, and Ben, Anna, Grant, Jacob, and Sarah Van Aartsen; and great-grandchildren: Tyler, Zack, Hailey, Kaitlynn, Jeramyah, and Abigail.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Clair, when Clair was six months old.

