



FINAL HARVEST

He was bound to the land from the day of his birth
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth
Nurtured, sustained, by the soil he grew
And his life, like his furrows, ran straight and true.

In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.

Ever turning seasons, the years sped past
Til the final harvest came at last
Then claimed anew by beloved sod
He was gathered home to be with God.

—Barbara W. Weber

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Anthony “Tony” Arens

WHO WAS BORN
February 8, 1935
Graceville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
March 12, 2019
Fargo, North Dakota

FUNERAL MASS
Saturday, March 23, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRANT
Fr. Brian Oestreich

MUSICIANS
Pianist - Deb Farwell
Vocalists - Tony's Four Little Girls

CASKET BEARERS
Bill McDonald Jim McDonald Dan Arens Greg Weick
Mike Weick Matt Costello Nate Bauer Joe Arens

HONORARY BEARERS
Tony's Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

INTERMENT
Graceville Consolidated Cemetery
Graceville, Minnesota
At A Later Date

APPRECIATION
Tony'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 a meal and fellowship in the church dining hall.

ARRANGEMENTS BY
Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home
Graceville, Minnesota

Anthony Frank Arens was born on February 8, 1935, in Graceville, MN, to Joseph and Margaret (Bohnenkamp) Arens. He was raised on a farm south of Dumont, MN. He graduated from St. Mary's Academy in 1953. Following his high school graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1953 and was stationed in Alaska. Tony was honorably discharged in 1955. He married Beverly Ann Skoog on August 29, 1955, in Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Graceville, MN. Tony moved his family to Collis, MN, and later moved to their farm one mile east of Graceville in 1962. He resided there with his family until his retirement.

Tony was a devoted grain and livestock farmer and drove truck with his brother, Pete. He was an accomplished poultry farmer and was known for having 55,000 laying hens. In 1984, he won the Sparboe Egg Lay and Sparboe Feed Conversion Awards! He was an enthusiastic collector of antique tractors and had recently started collecting antique cars. Tony also enjoyed putting out bird seed, jelly, and nectar to attract all varieties of birds. He was an avid reader and would read anything that came across his desk.

Tony is survived by his wife, Bev; children: Pam (Pat) McDonald of Graceville, MN; Ron (Helena) Arens of Ashburn, VA; Donna Arens of Graceville, MN; Chris (Marv) Weick of Graceville, MN; Deb (Terry) Stueve of Dumont, MN; Jean (John) Costello of Graceville, MN; Sandi (Bob) Bauer of Clinton, MN; and Tom (Mary) Arens of Graceville, MN; 23 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren with one more on the way.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Shelly Arens; son, Larry Arens; eight siblings; and parents: Joseph and Margaret Arens.

Treasured Seasons

*To everything there is
a season, and a time
for every purpose
under heaven:*

*A time to be born and
a time to die; a time to
plant, and a time to
pluck up that which is
planted;*

*A time to kill and a
time to heal; a time to
break down and a
time to build up;*

*A time to weep, and a
time to laugh; a time to
mourn and a time to
dance;*

*A time to cast away
stones, and a time to
gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and
a time to refrain from
embracing.*

*A time to get, and a
time to lose; a time to
keep, and a time to
cast away;*

*A time to rend, and a
time to sew; a time to
keep silence and a
time to speak;*

*A time to love, and a
time to hate; a time of
war and
a time of peace.*

