

*The Old Salt was a special man  
who came along in a time  
when he was needed most.*

*A time that is now gone forever.  
When men believed and sacrificed,  
when hero's walked the earth in mass.*

*When patriotism was not just a word but,  
by what men lived and judged  
the worth of each,  
a man who lived a life  
most of us cannot comprehend.*

*An era now gone  
as this warriors tour of duty ends  
at this station, and begins anew  
in the heavenly fleet.*

*Sail on Sailor into your unaccompanied tour,  
we salute you.*

*What greater honor, that when a man moves forward,  
he leaves behind in each of us  
the best of what he was.*

*A defender, protector, supporter, victor, a warrior,  
the last of the breed from an era  
when ships were made of wood  
and men were made of steel.*

*The Old Salt has reported for duty  
that takes him away from us for now.*

*Those of us who remain behind,  
remember, and will continue to remember,  
because he now resides forever in our hearts.*

*As I look up at night, I envision The Old Salt,  
a beret draped just above the eye,  
as he draws upon his pipe,  
quietly he waits.*

*The guardian of heaven's gate.*

*- Mac McGovern*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# *Herbert Oscar Beyer*

WHO WAS BORN

April 12, 1921

Croke Township, Wheaton, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

September 8, 2019

Graceville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, September 14, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Graceville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Rev. Eugene Andrus

ORGANIST

Ruth Hoffman

CASKET BEARERS

Joe Goolsby | Terry Peters | Lee Armstrong

Mike Andrews | Randy Sigler | Rick Armstrong | Leon Beverly

HONORARY BEARERS

Craig Hess | Trent Hess | Jason Hess | Jeremy Hess

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Post #297

INTERMENT

Graceville Consolidated Cemetery

Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Herbert's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for food and fellowship at the Graceville Community Center.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home

Graceville, Minnesota

*\*Photo in background is of the USS Leary, the destroyer Herbert served on during WWII.*

**H**erbert Oscar Beyer was born on April 12, 1921, in Croke Township, Wheaton, MN. He was the son of Theodore and Francis (Laufer) Beyer. He grew up on the family farm and attended country school north of Wheaton until 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Herb worked on the family farm until he joined the U.S. Navy on November 24, 1942. He was proud to be a USS Leary survivor during WWII; the destroyer on which he was deployed sank in battle on December 24, 1943. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

Herbert worked for Swift Electric putting up REA poles from 1947 to 1953. On April 23, 1955, he was united in marriage with Gertrude Schmidt Hess. Together they were blessed with 49 years of marriage and two sons: Kenneth and Douglas. Herb farmed with his father-in-law from 1956 to 1960, and then farmed on his own until his retirement in 1985. Herb moved into the town of Graceville where he resided until the age of 96. He then he moved to Grace Home.

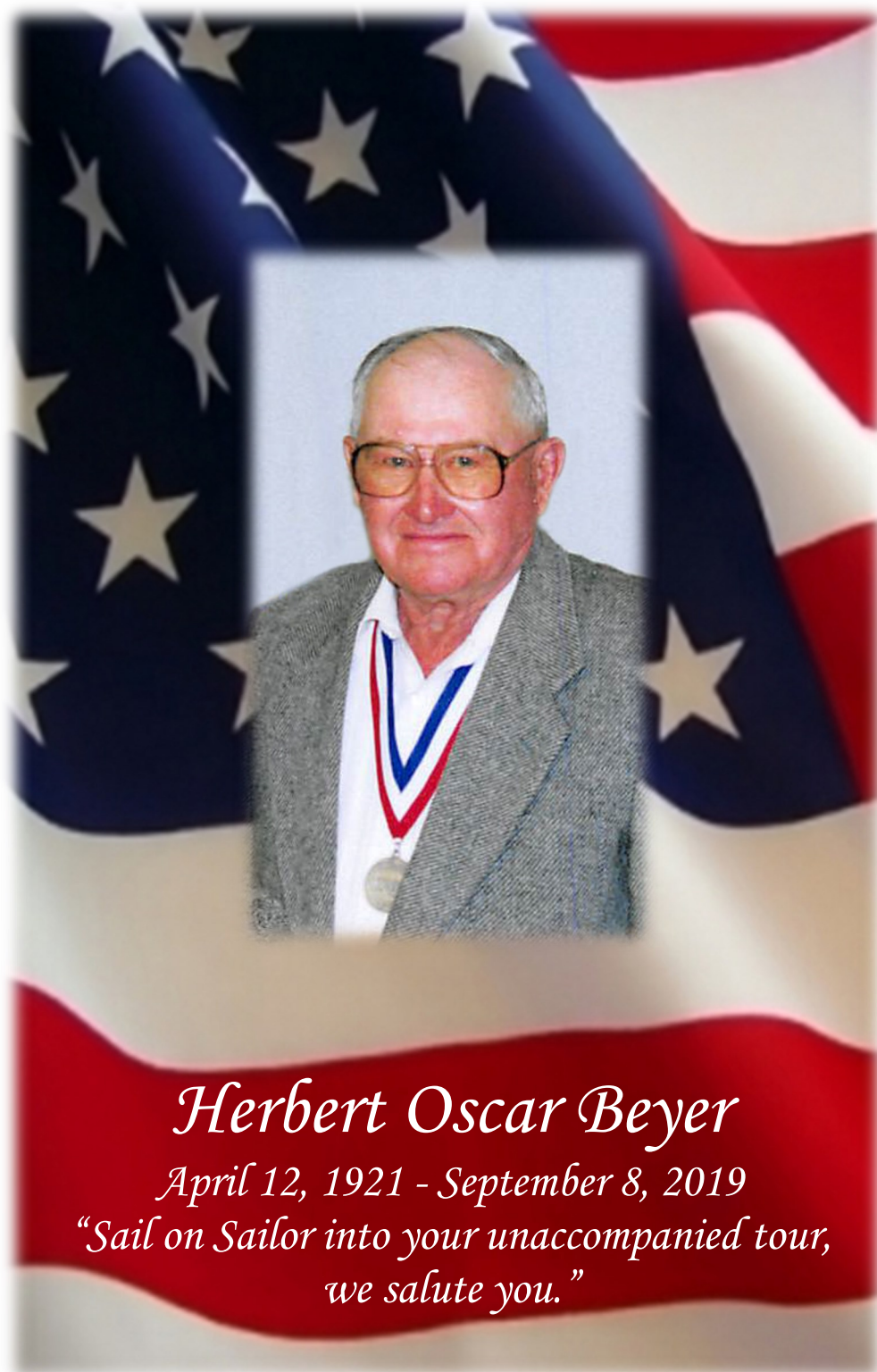
Herb was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Graceville. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and served as Legion Post Commander for five years in Dumont, MN. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing cards. Herb loved to “pull people’s legs” and was known to be a bit of a prankster.

Herb is survived by his daughter-in-law, Beverly Hess of Tyler, MN; four grandchildren: Craig (Tifanie) Hess of Tyler, MN; Trent (Jackie) Hess of Tyler, MN; Jason (Tambi) Hess of Midland, TX; and Jeremy (Kirstin) Hess of Suhuarita, AZ; eleven great-grandchildren: Payton, Brooks, Braxton, Chole, Rylie, Tatum, Joseph, Sawyer, Aubrielle, Josselyn, and Brooklyn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Theodore and Francis Beyer; wife, Gertrude Schmidt Hess Beyer; sons: Kenneth and Douglas Hess; and brothers: Leo, Marvin, Leonard, and Raymond Beyer.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Graceville Senior Center, Grace Home, or American Legion.

A special thanks to Essentia Health, Grace Home, Marvin Weick, and Gene and Martha Fischer. Your kindness will never be forgotten.



*Herbert Oscar Beyer*

*April 12, 1921 - September 8, 2019*

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