

Howard Leland Stotesbery was born on January 8, 1924, to Leslie and Della (Gustafson) Stotesbery on their family farm in Big Stone County. He attended country school through eighth grade. After school, Howard went to work on the family farm.

On November 25, 1944, Howard was united in marriage with Gertrude Seifert at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Graceville. They made their home on a farm south of Graceville and were blessed with seven children. Howard was a farmer all his life - growing crops and raising livestock for many years. He retired from farming in 1996. Howard continued to help his son farm for several years. He loved to play cards, shoot pool, dance, and visit with people, keep track of the boys and their farming, and was a farmer until the end.

In 1977, Howard and Gert moved to town and resided there until Gert's death on June 16, 1978. On September 22, 1979, Howard was united in marriage with Kathleen O'Connor-Billiet. They lived in Graceville and moved to Grace Village in 2013. Kathy passed away on March 24, 2016.

Howard is survived by his seven children: Steve (Debby) Stotesbery of Graceville, MN; Dave (Bonnie) Stotesbery of Clinton, MN; Phil (Cyndy) Stotesbery of Pelican Rapids, MN; Bernie (Karla) Stotesbery of Alexandria, MN; Tom (Debbie) Stotesbery of Redwood Falls, MN; Jim (Pam) Stotesbery of Clinton, MN; and JoAnne (John) Nerenz of Wheaton, MN; step-children: Barb Billiet of Graceville, MN; and Larry (Karen) Billiet of Graceville, MN; 21 grandchildren: Michelle (Mark) Buerkle, Stacy Stotesbery, Ryan (Danielle) Stotesbery, Randy Stotesbery, Mark (Brienne) Stotesbery, Anna (Ben) Bernard, Michael (Maria) Stotesbery, Brittany (Mark) Dokken, Amy Larson, Jessica (Justin) Schoenack, Jennifer (Mitch) Wagener, Lori Stotesbery, Julie (Myles) Slavin, Andrew (Ashley) Stotesbery, Sarah (Cam) Corey, Becky (Trent) White, James (Tara) Stotesbery, Marty (Jennette) Stotesbery, Gloria Stotesbery (special friend, Jeremiah), Nathan Nerenz (special friend, Elizabeth), Brent (Amara) Nerenz; step-grandchildren: Michael (Cassie) Billiet and Alisha (Steve) Podobinski; 41 great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; siblings: Neva Ramsey, Darrell (Marcia) Stotesbery, Jerry (Jeanine) Stotesbery, and Gene (Marcy) Stotesbery; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his wives: Gert and Kathy; his parents; sister, Marjorie Wold; and brothers: Moreland, Ronald, Marvin, and Roger Stotesbery.



*A
Life
Remembered*



I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path
God has laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard His call.
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found the peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee -
God wanted me now; He set me free.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Howard Leland Stotesbery

WHO WAS BORN

January 8, 1924

Prior Township, Big Stone County, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

November 10, 2019

Graceville, Minnesota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Monday, November 18, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Graceville, Minnesota

CELEBRANTS

Fr. Brian Oestreich

Fr. David Breu

READER

Tom Stotesbery

ALTAR SERVERS

Parker Stotesbery | Riley Stotesbery

MUSICIANS

Deb Farwell, Organist

Arens Girls, Vocalists

CASKET BEARERS

Ryan Stotesbery | Randy Stotesbery | Mark Stotesbery

Michael Stotesbery | Nathan Nerenz | Brent Nerenz

Marty Stotesbery | James Stotesbery

Andrew Stotesbery | Michael Billiet

HONORARY BEARERS

Michelle Buerkle | Stacy Stotesbery | Anna Bernard

Brittany Dokken | Amy Larson | Jessica Schoenack

Jennifer Wagener | Lori Stotesbery | Julie Slavin

Sarah Corey | Becky White | Gloria Stotesbery | Alisha Podobinski

INTERMENT

Graceville Consolidated Cemetery

Graceville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Howard'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 Holy Rosary Parish Center.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home

Graceville, Minnesota