



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

Ervin Elmer Thompson

WHO WAS BORN

March 22, 1928

Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

November 25, 2019

Ortonville, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Monday, December 2, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Dennis O'Neill

MUSICIANS

Pat Kunz, Organist

Paul Hamann, Vocalist

HONORARY BEARERS

Dr. Gary and MaryBeth Konstant

Pastor Arlo and Ofelia Janssen

Charlie and Maxine Hobbs

Gladys Strobel | Rita Hillman | Marilyn Streich

CASKET BEARERS

Matthew Thompson | James Thompson | Eric Thompson

Matthew Mattson | Jeremy Krakow | Andrew Martinek | Mitchell Olson

INTERMENT

Mound Cemetery

Ortonville, Minnesota

APPRECIATION

Ervin'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 in the church dining room.

The pall used by Trinity Lutheran Church is in memory of Dale and Marion Roder.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home

Ortonville, Minnesota

Ervin Elmer Thompson was born on March 22, 1928, in Ortonville, MN, to Elmer and Annie (Homblad) Thompson. He was baptized as an infant, then confirmed as a member of Eidskog Lutheran Church in Otrej Township on August 3, 1941. Ervin had a perfect Sunday School attendance record and received "The Roll of Honors". He was raised on the family farm and attended District #9 school until eighth grade. Ervin graduated from Ortonville High School with the Class of 1946. He was an active student in high school: participating in football, track, and as a Star Farmer in FFA.

Ervin, as a young man, loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter. On October 19, 1948, he was out hunting and when he came home and while he was unloading his gun, it accidentally went off, striking his left palm. The doctors said they could not save his left hand, so they amputated it that night. Ervin never gave up, as he went back out hunting that fall and he always found a way to do things. He had a lot of faith and did a lot of praying so he could find a way to complete a task using his own technique.

On March 12, 1950, Ervin was united in marriage to Arlys Jane Konstant at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank, SD. The couple made their home on a family farm near Ortonville and to this union, four children were born: Ron, Marilyn, Bill, and Lori.

Ervin purchased the Otrej Country Store in 1953 and sponsored an all-farm-boy softball team. After five years, he went back to general farming practices: producing grain, dairy cow herd, hogs, and beef. Between farming and running the store, Ervin worked for the ASCS office: measuring fields for farmers and sealed grain for a good portion of Big Stone County farms. He was also an assessor for Otrej and Artichoke townships.

In 1957, the family joined Trinity Lutheran Church in Ortonville. Ervin was an active member in the church and served as an Elder, on The Board of Education, Evangelism, Stewardship, and taught Sunday School. He also belonged to the Lutheran Laymen League, Men's Club, and Couples Club. Ervin served as the vice president of AAL, on a church bowling league for 30 years, and was also active in the Altar Guild.

Ervin's hobbies were hunting, fishing, camping, and he enjoyed traveling. Ervin and Arlys had been going to Arizona for the last 20 years and while they were vacationing there, Ervin decided to take up golfing as a hobby.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of almost 70 years, Arlys; his children: Ron (Marlyce) Thompson, Marilyn (Arden) Kraft, Bill (Linda) Thompson, and Lori (Mike) Martinek; nine grandchildren: Matthew (Jess) Thompson, Elizabeth Fischer, James (Nicole) Thompson, Aleisha Kraft, Lindsay (Mitch) Olson, Jamie (Matt) Mattson, Eric (Katie) Thompson, Jeremy (Andria) Krakow, and Andy Martinek; 16 great-grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews.

Ervin was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Annie Thompson; brothers: Clifford and Robert; sisters: Annetta, Adelia, Florence, and Alice; along with two nieces and three nephews.



Celebrating the Life of *Ervin Elmer Thompson* *1928 - 2019*

