



GOD hath not promised
Skies always blue.
Flower strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But GOD hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials
help from above,
Unfailing sympathy.
Undying love.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Gustavus Frances Guenther

WHO WAS BORN

May 18, 1928
Brandon, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

April 13, 2025
Milbank, South Dakota

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Monday, April 21, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Milbank, South Dakota

CELEBRANTS

Fr. Brian Eckrich | Fr. Gary DeRouche

LECTORS

Tim Weber | Terri Weber

MUSICIANS

Bobbi Meyer-Hanson, Organist
Terri Weber, Vocalist
St. Lawrence Funeral Choir

CASKET BEARERS

Tim Weber | Mike Mach | John Korstjens
Mark McCulloch | Bill Jurgens | Duane Tillman | Tom Hoffert

HONORARY BEARERS

Roger McCulloch | Milbank Fire Department
Milbank American Legion | Milbank Knights of Columbus

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9 | V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486
V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054 | D.A.V. Chapter #19
Sons of American Legion Post #9

FIREMAN'S HONORS

Milbank Fire & Rescue Department

INTERMENT

St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Gus's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the graveside service, please join the family for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Gustavus Frances Guenther was born on May 18, 1928, in Brandon, MN, to Rudolph and Isabella (Joos) Guenther. Gus, as he was affectionately known, lived a life characterized by dedication, service, and a profound love for his family and community.

Gus graduated from Brandon High School with the Class of 1947, after which he answered the call of duty by being drafted into the United States Army in 1951. During the Korean Conflict, he served with valor and was honorably discharged in 1953 as an Army Corporal. His commitment to service extended beyond the military; he was a proud member of the Milbank Fire Department for 17 years and an active participant in American Legion Post #109.

Following his military service, Gus pursued his passion for mechanics by attending Hanson Mechanical School in Fargo, ND. He began his professional journey working as a mechanic at Milbank Implement for five years before realizing his dream of entrepreneurship. In May of 1959, he opened his own auto repair shop and served the community with pride until his retirement in October of 1990.

On June 10, 1961, Gus was united in marriage to the love of his life, Berniece Heffernan. Together, they were blessed with their son, Larry. Gus's dedication to his faith was demonstrated through his long-standing membership at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Milbank, where he served as an usher. He was initiated into the Knights of Columbus in 1948, where he not only participated actively but also served as a past Grand Knight, embodying the values of service and community.

Outside of his professional and community commitments, Gus was known for his passion for restoring antique cars and enjoyed the peacefulness of fishing. His spirit, kindness, and humor touched the lives of many who had the privilege to know him.

Left to cherish Gus's memory are his wife of 63 years, Berniece; son, Larry (Leanne) Guenther of Dayton, MN; and brother, Charles (Lilly) Guenther of St. Peter, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, LaVern Lederman; and brothers: Walter Guenther and Tom Guenther.

The family of Gus would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff at Park Place and Avantara for the loving and compassionate care and attention given to Gus this past year.

Please use this QR code to view Gus's obituary & online guest book.



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Loving
M E M O R Y



Gus Guenther

May 18, 1928

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