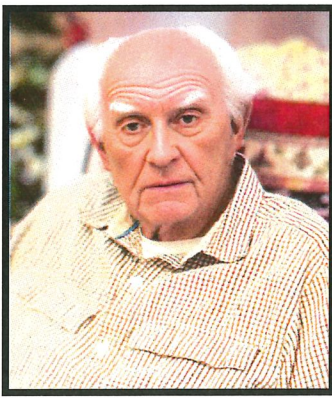




God Only Takes the Best

*God saw that he was getting tired,
and a cure was not to be.
So he put His arms around him and whispered,
"Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
and saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly,
we could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*

***In Loving Memory of
Gerald "Jerry" Malwitz***

Born December 26, 1938 in Red Lake County, Minnesota
Died March 6, 2025 in Cohasset, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 3, 2025 ~ 11:00 a.m.
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cohasset, Minnesota
Pastor Mark Peske - Officiating

MUSIC

Organist—Irene Eckert
Duet—Sharon Peske & Cheryl Nelson
"Amazing Grace" "How Great Thou Art"
"Abide With Me"

MILITARY HONORS

Grand Rapids Area Veterans Honor Guard
Minnesota Army Funeral Honors

The family of Jerry wishes to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and for your presence with them today. They invite you to join them for refreshments and time of fellowship following the service.

Arrangements by Rowe Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Gerald "Jerry" Malwitz, a cherished resident of Grand Rapids, MN, passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on March 6, 2025, at Autumn Lane in Cohasset, with his devoted family by his side.

Born on December 26, 1938, in Red Lake County, MN, Jerry was the son of William and Marie Malwitz. After graduating from Plummer High School in 1956, he spent several years farming alongside his father. Jerry proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963. Following his military service, he embarked on a career with a pipeline company before transitioning to the natural gas utility sector, where he excelled in both service and marketing roles in Cloquet and Grand Rapids, MN.

In 1978, Jerry was united in marriage with Jan (Larson) Hunter, and together they crafted a life filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. The couple particularly enjoyed their winters in Bradenton, FL, where they created countless joyful moments.

A man of the outdoors, Jerry found joy in fishing and hunting, passions that he shared with family and friends.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife Jan; children, Bruce (Cindy) Malwitz, Tanya Malwitz, Todd (Erin) Hunter, and Jodi Hunter; 9 grandchildren, Bradley Malwitz, Jennifer Malwitz, Dakota Malwitz, Chase Hunter, Seger Hunter, Danielle Hernesman, Jesse Richardson, Riley Richardson, and Bella Richardson; 5 great-grandchildren, Cash, Hudson, Cais, Vayda, and Hoover; sister, Marilyn (Jerry) Shackelford; brothers, Bill (Phyllis) Malwitz, and Bob Malwitz; sisters-in-law Susan Drotts, and Julie (Al) Cicioni; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters, Jean (Dale) Baril, and Myrna (Wayne) Cunningham; brothers-in-law, Bruce Drotts, and Greg Larson; and mother-in-law, Margaret Larson.

A heartfelt thank you to the staff at Autumn Lane and Essentia Hospice for their exceptional care.

