



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Marlin Leo Kasuske

WHO WAS BORN

August 15, 1930
South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

August 6, 2024
Iowa

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Monday, August 12, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.
Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Pastor Chris Davis
Emanuel Lutheran Church

SPECIAL SONGS

Amazing Grace - Celine Dion
He Walked on Water - Randy Travis

CASKET BEARERS

Christopher Gehrking | Leon Gehrking | Carissa Gehrking
Ava Gehrking | Evan Schwickerath | Lathen Schwickerath

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Anna Gehrking | Aubrey Gehrking | Vivian Gehrking
Donald Kasuske | Greg Kasuske

APPRECIATION

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

Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for lunch and fellowship at the Grandstay Hotel in Milbank.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

I farmed the land.

I tramped the wood,
These are the things I understood.

No grand schemes, they passed me by.
I knew the brook, the hills, the sky.

To hunt a bird, to wet a line,
Gifts from God, so good and fine.

Friend and kin, I LOVED THEM SO;
Although I'm gone, I'm sure they know,

I'm now at peace, life's battle done,
I've faced the foe and *I have won.*

- By: Earl Smithson

Marlin Leo Kasuske was born on August 15, 1930 at the family farm near Twin Brooks. He was the son of Wilhelm August and Elsie Esther (Ferber) Kasuske. Marlin was baptized on September 28, 1930, raised in the Lutheran faith, and confirmed on March 31, 1945 by Pastor F. Wessler of the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Marlin attended country school in Kilborn Township. As a young man and throughout his life, hunting and fishing were his favorite past-times. In June 1954, he entered into active service in the United States Army as a vehicle mechanic at Fort Ord, California. Following his honorable discharge in March 1956, Marlin returned to work on the family farm. He married Dolores Meyer in November 1956. They divorced in 1980.

Marlin eventually owned and operated his own farm in Kilborn Township. He was also a talented carpenter and cabinetmaker; and following the 1980 death of his son, Mike, Marlin moved to Grants Pass, Oregon to work in his brother Forrest's cabinet shop. Fishing on the Rogue River with brother Forrie created lasting memories. Marlin was a man of many, many talents, and upon returning to South Dakota in 1995, he finished building his own house - a source of accomplishment and pride for him. He crowned his home with gardens of peonies, irises, and other flowers which drew the attention of many.

Marlin moved to Blakesburg, Iowa in 2017 to live with his daughter, Patty. Ever the mechanic, he revived his passion for working on antique tractors, tinkering with and restoring Internationals. Together, Patty and Marlin grew irises and peonies, his favorite flowers. Conversing over cups of coffee with new friends at the Blakesburg Community Museum and attending the Trinity Lutheran Church helped Marlin find his footing in his new Iowa home. Never forgetting his South Dakota roots, he remained in close contact with his nephew, Donald Kasuske, and grand-nephew, Greg Kasuske, both of Twin Brooks.

With him throughout his life and surviving him now is daughter, Patty (Dale) Rowland of Blakesburg, IA, as well as grandchildren, Carissa (Jason) Schwickerath of Waukee, IA; Christopher (Lynea) Gehrking of Keswick, IA; and Lee (Emily) Gehrking of Canby, MN. Six great-grandchildren: Evan and Lathen Schwickerath, Ava and Anna Gehrking, and Aubrey and Vivian Gehrking also graced his life and survive him.

Marlin was preceded in death by his parents; six siblings: Melvin, Dalton, Forrest, Roland, Harold, and sister Esther; and son, Michael William.

