

Kenneth Elmer Shelstad, age 85, of Breckenridge, MN, affectionately known as "Kenny," passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at Riverfront on Main in Pelican Rapids, MN.

He was born May 17, 1939, in Doran, MN, to Edward and Myrtle (Kerch) Shelstad. He attended Breckenridge High School and graduated in 1957, where shortly thereafter, he purchased the farmstead from his father and began his life long career in farming. He married his wife Roxanne (McKee) Shelstad from Yankton, SD, on August 25, 1962, and shared 62 years together. Kenny took great pride in providing for his family and being a good steward of the land that he farmed for forty years before retiring. In retirement, they spent winters in Mesa AZ, trading snow and ice for warmth and sunshine. Summers were spent at their Ottertail Lake home which provided Kenny ample opportunity to fish and play cards with his brothers and nephews, and he relished the times when the grandchildren would visit. He also loved gardening, which allowed him to still grow food and share his bounty with all that were interested.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Roxanne Shelstad; children, Rebecca (Randy) Bissinger, Eric Shelstad, and Jen Shelstad; Grandchildren, Matthew (Marah) Bissinger, Megan Stezka, Michael Bissinger, and David Bissinger; Great-Granddaughter, Maya Bissinger; brother, Roger (Eunice) Shelstad; sisters, Marlys Jackson and Carolyn Ellingson; sister-in-law, Karyn (Tom) Kyte; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Myrtle Shelstad; siblings, John (Norma) Shelstad, Irene (Arnie) Henjum, Eleanor (Bill) Burgett; and brothers-in-law, Dale Jackson and Reynold Ellingson.

He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

In Loving
M E M O R Y



*Kenneth Elmer
Shelstad*

5.17.1939 — 1.9.2025

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 gathered home to be with God.

-Barbara W. Weber

IN LOVING
Memory
Kenny Shelstad



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Died: January 9, 2025 | Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Vertin-Munson Funeral Home

Wahpeton, North Dakota

11:00 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2025

PARTICIPANTS

Rene Hasbargen, Officiant

PALLBEARERS

Greg Ellingson | Mike Ellingson | Craig Burgett
David Shelstad | Chad Shelstad | Aanders Jackson
Jill Oliphant | Cindy Ackley

CONGREGATIONAL MUSIC

Beautiful Savior

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great Thou Art

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 26:3-4 | Lamentations 3:22-26 | Psalm 121: 1-8
John 3:16-17 | John 14:1-3,6,27 | Psalm 23

FUNERAL RECEPTION

The family kindly invites you to join them for food and fellowship following the service. The family also wishes to express their gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy and for honoring Kenny with your presence at the service.

PRIVATE BURIAL

Vukku Cemetery | Foxhome, Minnesota