

Norris Hagen, a cherished member of the Grygla community, passed away peacefully on December 12, 2025, at the family farm near Grygla, Minnesota, under the devoted care of HIA Hospice and surrounded by his loving family. The son of Arne and Kornelia (Ostrem) Hagen, Norris was born on May 6, 1926, on the same family farm where he lived his entire life, Norris embodied the values of hard work, kindness, and a deep connection to the land.

On July 14, 1926, he was baptized into the Lutheran Faith at the Northwood Lutheran Church, rural Grygla, and in 1938 was confirmed there also.

Norris dedicated his life to agriculture, joining his father on the family farm and becoming a very successful farmer. His contributions extended beyond his own property; he was always willing to lend a hand to neighbors, cutting wood, combining crops, hauling grain, and caring for dairy cattle for many years. Even into his 90s, he could often be found in a tractor, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to farming.

Education was an important aspect of Norris's early life. He attended country school through the 8th grade and furthered his education with two years at the Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, Minnesota. His quick wit and kind disposition made him well-liked by all who knew him; he had a unique ability to brighten the day of everyone around him, never uttering a bad word about anyone.

On April 30, 1950 he was united in marriage to Hilda Satre at Grygla, MN.

In his retirement years, Norris continued to embrace life with enthusiasm. He enjoyed hobbies such as gardening, picking blueberries, and rolling lefse, showing off his skills as a great cook. A devoted sports fan, he loved watching the Minnesota Twins and Timberwolves with family. He found joy in playing cards with family and neighbors, sharing laughter and good times.

Norris had a passion for the outdoors, particularly deer hunting with his sons, grandson, nephew, and other good friends. Norris continued to enjoy hunting well into his 80s, maintaining a reputation as a good shot. His proudest accomplishments were rooted in his role as a dedicated farmer, a loving father, and a devoted husband.

He was a longtime member of the St. Petri Lutheran Church of rural Grygla, MN, deepening his ties to the community and his faith.

Norris is lovingly remembered by his children, Baylen (Jan) Hagen; Marlene Hagen; Mavis Hagen; and Rodney (Sherri) Hagen. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Cory (Jordan) Hagen, step-grandchildren Geoffrey, Justyne and Dayle, Russell, Nolan, Matthew, Jill, and Linnae, as well as his great-grandchildren, Violet and Oliver Hagen, and step-great-grandchildren Kember, Keston, Kutler, Lyrick, Theryn, Lainey, and Edyn Jo; and several nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Hilda, in 2007, along with his parents, Arne and Kornelia. Norris was also preceded by his brothers Oscar, Otto, and Melvin, and sisters Inga Ulla, Clara Boe, Alma Svenpladsen, Miranda Skaaren, Benora Falk, and Lila Holthusen, as well as his nephews Milo Hagen and Paul Holthusen, and many other beloved extended family members.

Norris Hagen leaves behind a legacy of hard work, love, and the importance of community that will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Celebrating the life of



Norris Hagen

May 6, 1926 - December 12, 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 was gathered home to be with God.
Barbara W. Weber

In Loving Memory Of

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Funeral Service

Monday, December 22, 2025 @ 11:00 AM
Johnson Funeral Service
Thief River Falls, Minnesota

Reverend Jeffery Merseth, ***Officiant***

Special Music– Step Grandchildren

Geoffrey, Justyne, Dayle
“How Great Thou Art”

“Go Rest High On That Mountain”

Congregational Hymn

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Pallbearers

Owen Hagen Darwin Hagen Rocky Hagen
Jeffrey Hagen Gary Satre Cory Hagen