



## PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths  
of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of  
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your  
staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the  
presence of my enemies; you anoint my  
head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in  
the house of the Lord forever.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



CECIL W. GROVEN

June 14, 1936 – November 3, 2025

**Cecil W. Groven, 89**, of Garner, passed into eternity on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Good Shepherd Health Center in Mason City.

Cecil William Groven, the son of Clarence and Frances (Brattrud) Groven, was born on June 14, 1936, in Worth County, Iowa. When he was an infant, the family moved to the Canby, Minnesota, area, and in 1949, they settled in Hanlontown. Cecil attended grade school in Hanlontown and left after the 8th grade to help support his family. On June 13, 1962, he married Marjorie Elaine Kanatas. To this union, Cecil welcomed a daughter, Lois, and a son, Charles, from Marjorie's first marriage, and together they were blessed with five daughters. Throughout his life, Cecil worked hard and took pride in a job well done. He spent many years working for local farmers around the Hanlontown and Manly areas, as well as at the Sugar Beet Factory in Mason City. He later joined the team at Forester Trailer Factory, where he was known for his skill and dedication. Cecil's exceptional woodworking talent brought joy to many – he crafted toys and other handmade items, often gifting them to friends and family. He also worked at Goodnature's Department Store in Garner and eventually started his own lawn care business, which he operated for several years. On September 24, 1989, he married Lenora Roberts at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Garner. They made their home in Garner. Cecil found great joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved driving his tractor in annual tractor rides, pulling the float for his church in Garner during Duesey Days, camping, fishing, playing cards, and putting together jigsaw puzzles. He especially loved visiting with family and friends and had a true gift of gab. His easygoing nature, steady work ethic, and kind heart will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Cecil is survived by his daughters, Lois Nelson (Phil Perry) of Northwood, Sherry (Jeff) Dolphin of Britt, Tammy (Mike) Bain of St. Joseph, MO, Linda Sanders (Troy Schwichtenberg) of Rochester, Patricia Groven of Manly, and Karen Powers of Mason City; nine grandchildren, Russ Engstler, Scott (Valerie) Engstler, Lee (Misty) Nelson, Thomas Smith, Dustin (Tara) Schulz, Samantha Sanders, Nicholas Sanders, Alexandra (Richard) Smallwood and Savannah Moore; 17 great-grandchildren; his brothers, Carroll (Sandra) Groven, Richard Groven, Gilbert Groven and Jerry (Toni) Groven; sister, Clarice (Jim) Naumann; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Marjorie, in 1987; second wife, Lenora in 2016; sisters, Rosecella and Anna; brothers, Thomas and Robert; and stepson, Charles Smith.

Cecil's life was one of faith, family, and friendship. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and craftsmanship that will continue to touch the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

**Celebrating the Life Of**  
**CECIL W. GROVEN**  
**June 14, 1936 – November 3, 2025**

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Garner, Iowa  
10:30 A.M., Monday  
November 10, 2025

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Scott Kozisek

**MUSIC**

Louanna Roenfanz, Organist  
*Congregational Hymns*  
"The Old Rugged Cross"  
"How Great Thou Art"

**USHER**

Sherman Meyering

**CASKET BEARERS**

Dustin Schulz	Thomas Smith
Russell Engstler	Lee Nelson
Nicholas Sanders	Scott Rayhons

**BURIAL**

Ell Township Cemetery  
Klemme, Iowa

*All are invited to a luncheon in the church basement immediately following the funeral service. Burial will follow the luncheon in Klemme.*

