

Edwin "Gene" Halvorson, 95, of Kennebec, SD, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of June 29, 2023. Gene was the oldest of the nine children born to Emel and Ruth Halvorson.

Gene joined the U.S. Navy in 1945 and was very proud to serve his country but also had a sense of humor about his time served. Shortly after arriving in Guam, the war ended; therefore, he claimed that the enemy discovered he was there and almost immediately surrendered. He would chuckle every time he told that story.

On March 1, 1948, Gene was united in marriage to Marjorie Lynette Gerard. To this union four children were born: Judith Anne, Curtis Eugene, Marsha Lynn, and Ricky Dean.

Gene was very involved in his church and community. He served and chaired several committees and boards, but the one he was proudest of was the County Board of Education. This was the board that was created to accomplish the consolidation of the schools in Lyman County. Thereafter the school became one. He felt strongly that education was important and wanted all children to have the opportunity for an outstanding education.

Gene was a farmer through and through, but that wasn't all. In 1976, he purchased West River Oil, which included the Conoco station on the hill and it was re-named Halvorson Oil. He operated this successful business for many years all the while continuing to farm. To this day it is still owned and operated by family.

Gene was preceded in death by his oldest child Judy, youngest child Ricky, his parents, four siblings Beverly, Lyle, Wanda, and Harlan.

Gratefully sharing his life are his wife of 75 years Marge, son Curtis, his daughter Marsha, son-in-law Jerry, along with his twelve grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 15 great great grandchildren. He is also survived by four of his siblings Gary, Larry, Joyce, and Kathy.

May the memory of this very special, respected, and loved man last and last.



In Loving Memory of

Edwin Gene Halvorson

1927 - 2023



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

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Edwin Gene Halvorson

September 28, 1927 ~ June 29, 2023

Prayer Service

*Kennebec Lutheran Church, Kennebec, SD
7:00 p.m., Sunday, July 2, 2023*

Funeral Service

*Kennebec Lutheran Church, Kennebec, SD
10:30 a.m., Monday, July 3, 2023*

Officiating

Rev. Mindy Ehrke

Music

Crystal Brakke—Pianist

Carl Brakke—Soloist

“Old Rugged Cross”

Congregational Hymns

“Jesus Loves Me”

“Beautiful Saviour”

Casketbearers ~ Gene's Grandsons

Brian Busch

Seth Borah

Mark Halvorson

Sam Borah

Casey Busch

Matt Halvorson

Michael Spotted Bear

Military Graveside Rites By

Johnson Peterson Post No. 179

Kennebec—Reliance, SD

Interment

Kennebec Cemetery, Kennebec, SD

*Everyone is invited for lunch & fellowship back
at the church following the committal services.*