

In Loving Memory

Allen LaVerne Cornelius was born on June 12, 1925, to Conrad and Amanda (Grinager) Cornelius. He was baptized and confirmed at Bergen Lutheran Church. He attended grade school at the country school in Lisbon Township and attended and graduated from Clarkfield High School in 1943. He joined the army after graduation and served in WWII where he was stationed in the Philippine Islands. He was very proud to be recognized as a WWII veteran.

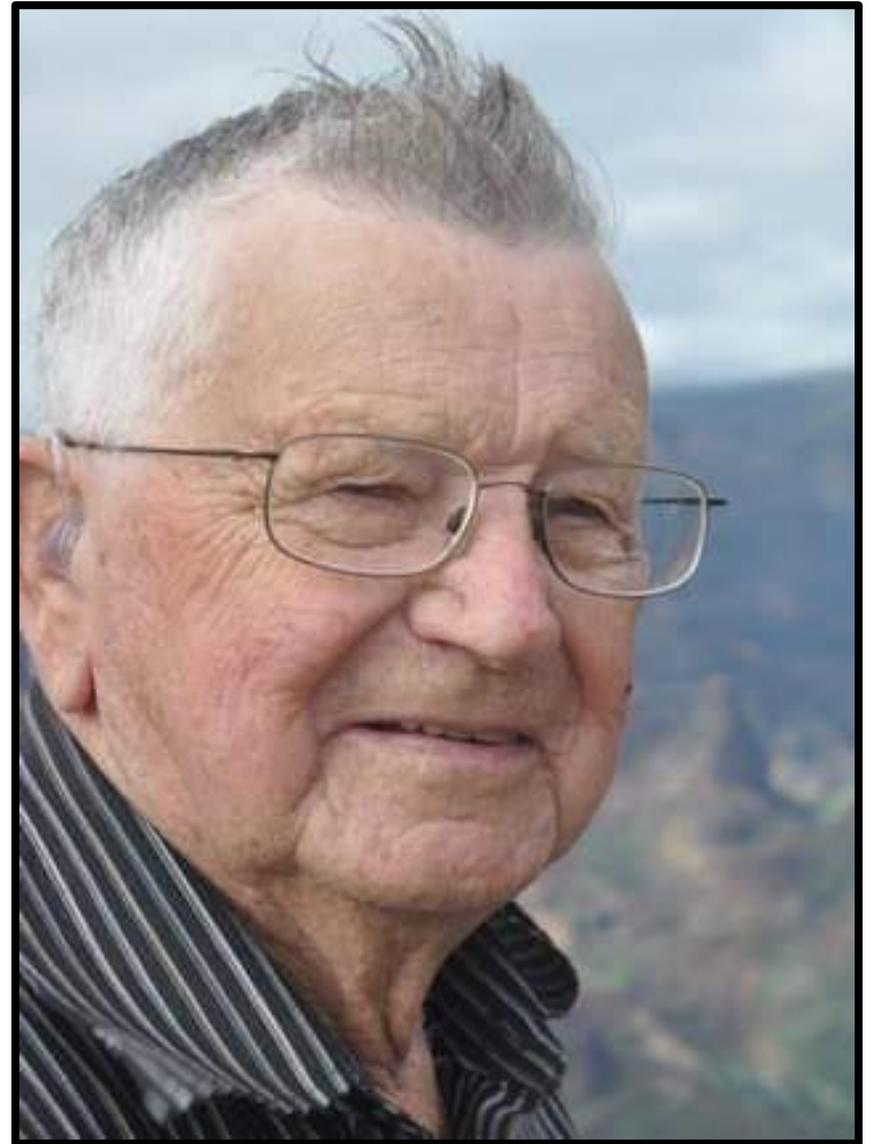
On September 18, 1948, he was married to Ramona Jean Gordon at Bergen Lutheran Church. Together they were blessed with 5 children: Diane, Trudy, Karen, Linda, and David.

Allen farmed with his dad for many years. In 1969, he bought Mork's Hardware that became known as Al's Our Own Hardware Store in Clarkfield. Al was known as the local fix-it guy, and he always said that the local ladies liked to call him to repair whatever needed to be fixed and they made sure that they had freshly made cookies for him. He was as honest, humble, trustworthy, and kind as they come. His motto was, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!"

Over the years he enjoyed fishing, bowling, horseshoe, playing pinochle especially with the guys at Duane Morland's farm, and spending time at Lake Minnewaska. He learned to play golf in his 50's, which turned out to be a passion that he became really good at and played until he was 93. His pride and joy were his children and their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Over the years he took pride in looking for just the right birthday card for each of his children and their spouses and the grandchildren. He made sure that they received them on time for their birthday. The past five years he learned how to maneuver Facebook, which helped him follow family happenings and you would find him frequently commenting on their postings.

Allen is survived by his children: Diane (Loren) Norgaard from Glenwood, MN/Goodyear, AZ, Karen (Mark) Renneke from Northfield, MN, Linda (Ben) Lewison from Maple Lake, MN, and David (Sharon) Cornelius from Clarkfield; grandchildren: Erik Norgaard, David Norgaard, Rachel (Jason) Aus, Nick (Gwen) Shaw, Ryan (Alison) Renneke, Sarah (Mitch) Garrison, Amanda (Ben) Dietrich, Jason (Kirsten) Lewison, Trina Lewison Lavigne, Jeremy Lewison (Christine Thomas), Lynn (Brandon) Groenhoff, and Joshua Cornelius; brother, Donny (Delores) Cornelius; son-in-law, Scott Shaw, and sister-in-law, Elaine Cornelius. He was the proud great-grandfather of 30 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Al was preceded in death by his wife, Ramona; parents, Conrad & Amanda Cornelius; daughter, Trudy (Cornelius) Shaw; granddaughter, Jennifer Shaw Leigh; grandson, Joseph Cornelius; brothers, Clinton (Eleanor) Cornelius and Galen Cornelius; sisters, Darlene (Reuben) Sather and Shirley (Stan) Lynne. Allen suffered with a severe case of shingles for just about 4 years. It would be his wish for anyone who has had chickenpox and at risk for shingles to get vaccinated so that no one would have to suffer as he did.



Allen "Al" Cornelius

1925 ~ 2022

The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures, He leadeth me beside the still
waters.*

*He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou
art with me; thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies, thou anointest
my head with oil, my cup runneth over.*

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



In Memory of

Allen Lavern Cornelius

June 12, 1925



October 21, 2022

Funeral Service

Clarkfield Lutheran Church

Clarkfield, Minnesota

Saturday, October 29th, 2022

2:00 PM

Officiant

Vicar Mort Meyenburg

Scripture Reader

Karen Renneke

Organist

Charlann Anspach

Special Music

Loren & Diane Norgaard

Casketbearers

Erik Norgaard

David Norgaard

Jason Lewison

Nick Shaw

Ryan Renneke

Jeremy Lewison

Honorary Casketbearers

Sarah Garrison

Rachel Aus

Joshua Cornelius

Amanda Renneke

Trina Lavigne

Lynn Groenhoff

Interment

Clarkfield Lutheran Cemetery

Clarkfield, MN