

Harry Arnold Sommers was born on July 7, 1934, in St. Paul, Minnesota to Harry and Martha (Newmiller) Sommers. He graduated Woodrow Wilson High School in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1953. Harry enlisted in the U.S. Air Force from 1953-1957. He was stationed in Japan and California, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. After returning to Minnesota, Harry went to work at Waldorf Paper Company in St. Paul for a short time before going to work for Toro in Bloomington.

Harry was united in marriage to Jenell Wiederhoeft on June 23, 1984, in Fairmont, Minnesota. During his 25 years at Toro, he worked his way up to Plant Superintendent and helped open plant facilities in Shakopee, Fairmont, and Willmar. The couple moved to Alexandria in 1987, and Harry was employed by Alex Extrusion for 5 years. After retirement, the couple found joy traveling with their 5<sup>th</sup> wheeler to some of their favorite places, including Lake Winnie near Cass Lake, El Reno Resort on Lake Reno, and Little Ajo in Arizona. Harry loved finding a camping spot near the lake so he could enjoy endless fishing. To know Harry was to know he shared a love for fishing that he passed down through the generations. As Harry always said, "Life is Good!" and we all rest a little easier knowing that Harry had a good life.

Harry died on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at his home in Alexandria at the age of 87 under the care of Knute Nelson Hospice. He is survived by his wife, Jenell; daughters, Wanda (Steven) Wall of Ft. Myers, FL, Julie (Greg) Walling of Phoenix, AZ, Brenda (Jack) Cudd of Ely, MN, and Sandra (Scott) Watt of Alexandria; granddaughters, Cassandra (Nick) Lind, Heather (Paul) Winkelmann, Shayla (Chad) Bohn, Taylor (Jake) Behnke, Karla (Nate) Landaas, and Kylie Watt; fourteen great-grandchildren; sister, Irene Widner of Bisbee, AZ; and nieces and nephews. Harry is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Martha; brothers, John and Gerald Sommers; and sisters, June Gabel and Betty Sommers.

*In Loving Memory*



*Harry A. Sommers*

*1934 ~ 2022*

***For Those I Love,  
For Those Who Love Me...***

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,  
But let my spirit calm your fears,  
I gave you my love. You can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love you have shown,  
But now it's time I traveled on alone!  
  
So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part,  
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.  
I won't be far away, for life goes on.  
So if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,  
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.  
  
And then, when you must come this way alone...  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,*

*In Memory of*  
**Harry A.  
Sommers**

July 7, 1934  
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July 5, 2022



**Memorial Service**  
Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Friday, July 15, 2022  
1:00 PM

**Officiant**  
Connie Spanswick

**Music**  
*Go Rest High On The Mountain - Vince Gill*  
*Amazing Grace - George Jones*

**Honorary Urn Bearers**  
(Harry's Granddaughters)  
Cassandra Lind                      Heather Winkelmann  
Shayla Bohn                              Taylor Behnke  
Karla Landaas                              Kylie Watt  
(and Harry's 14 Great-Grandchildren)