

Celebrating the Life of

Ralph Dennis Hall was born on June 2, 1930, on the family farm south of Atwater, the son of Carl and Astrid (Peterson) Hall. He grew up in the rural Atwater community, was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church and graduated from Atwater High School in 1949. At a young age, his father passed away and Ralph took over the family farming operation.

On December 1, 1962, Ralph was united in marriage to Caroline Fore. They lived and farmed on the family farmstead near Lake Elizabeth. Ralph retired from farming at the age of 63 and then began restoring the antique tractors he had been collecting (which became a full-time occupation). In his younger years, Ralph enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. He and Caroline enjoyed traveling to all 50 states and many places throughout Canada, England, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Ralph was a founding member of the Atwater Threshers Association and member of the Rosendale United Methodist Church (since 1969) and the Atwater Lions Club.

Ralph passed away on Sunday, August 3, at Cura of Willmar at the age of 95.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 62 years, Caroline; three children, Daryl (and Carrie) Hall of Gassville, AR., Karen (and Raul) Guzman of San Antonio, TX., and Susan Morrissey of Atwater; four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, besides other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings, Cecil Hall and Carol Nelson.



Ralph D. Hall

1930 - 2025

My Farm

My farm to me is not just land
Where bare unpainted buildings stand—
To me, my farm is nothing less
Than all created loveliness.

My farm is not where I must soil
My hands in endless dreary toil
But where, through seed and swelling pod
I've learned to walk, and talk with God.

My farm, to me, is not a place
Outmoded by the modern race
For here, I think, I just see less
Of evil, greed, and selfishness.

My farm's a haven—here dwells rest,
Security and happiness—
Whate'er befalls the world outside
Here faith and hope and love abide.

And so my farm is not just land
Where bare unpainted buildings stand—
To me, my farm is nothing less
Than all God's hoarded loveliness.



In Loving Memory Of

Ralph D. Hall

June 2, 1930
Atwater, Minnesota

August 3, 2025
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Service

Friday, August 8, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.
Rosendale United Methodist Church
Rosendale, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Paula Timm
Marlyn Tebben

Music

Organist: Judy Mickelson
"Morning Has Broken"
"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"

Honorary Casketbearers

Daughter-in-law: Carrie Hall *Son-in-law:* Raul Guzman
Grandchildren: Joshua Guzman Marissa Guzman
Gretchen Hoeft Nicholas Levin
Great Grandchildren: Garrus Guzman Madison Hoeft
Easton Hoeft Micah Levin
Callen Levin Lydia Levin Julia Levin

Active Casketbearers

Ron Hennes Wesley Bosch Matt Anderson
Derrick Johnson Hunter Dahline Ricky Whitcomb

Interment

Union Cemetery
Atwater, Minnesota