



Gerald Bruun

December 22, 1932 - January 9, 2016

Memorial services for Gerald Bruun of Parkers Prairie, formerly of Eagle Bend and Climax, will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 14th, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Eagle Bend with Pastor Melissa Ehrhardt presiding. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 12:30 PM until the time of services. Gerry died at his home in Parkers Prairie on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the age of 83 years with family at his side, after a short illness and under the gentle care of Hospice of Douglas County.

Gerald Hillburn Bruun was born December 22, 1932, in Tynsid Township, Polk County, rural Climax, MN, to Frederick O. and Clarice (Grove) Bruun. He was baptized and confirmed at Sand Hill Lutheran Church. His formal education started with attendance at a country school in Roome Township, located next to the Ostgaard farm near Climax. It was then on to the school in Climax, where he graduated with the class of 1950. On September 5, 1953, he was united in marriage with Lorraine Evodia Charron at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Crookston, MN, sharing over 62 years together.

Gerald's love of the land led him to a career in farming which he did until 1987 when they sold the dairy herd. Along with crop farming he raised registered Durocs and milked cows. The first registered Guernsey, Morkassle Royal MiMi, arrived on the farm when purchased in 1957. Horses made a return to the farm in 1970. This led to his involvement working with his family in 4-H,

FFA, showing cattle, and as a livestock judge in many capacities. He volunteered with the Red River Valley Winter Shows in Crookston, as the superintendent of the FFA Crops Show. He was a member of the Lakes Region Guernsey Breeders and the American Guernsey Association, and involved with the West Polk County 4-H. He was able to fix most anything that needed repair. His skill and patience allowed him to keep his computer running. He became an “expert”!

Active in his church, participating in Forum each Sunday made Gerald’s faith stronger. With David Rolstad, they organized the first Eagle Bend American Red Cross Blood Drive in 1997, continuing each year in the end of March. Part-time employment brought him to Pro-Ag, and Wal-Mart in Alexandria in the Lawn & Garden Department, working there on and off until 2012.

Gerald and Lorraine began working at Bible camps in 1997. First at Sky Ranch, Fort Collins, Co; Outlaw Ranch and Atlantic Mountain, Custer, SD, Upper Missouri Ministries, Epping, ND and Sugar Creek, Ferryville, WI. Gerald was able to share his love of horses while working at Outlaw Ranch and Sugar Creek. Having to wear a helmet, which he thought was humorous.

Gerald lived his entire life in Minnesota; Climax for 50 years, Saum, MN for 3 years, Eagle Bend for 18 years, and Parkers Prairie for the last 12 years.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Clarice; brother and sister-in-law Frederick Kermit and Lorraine Koppang Bruun; and sister-in-law Mary Lou Bergerson Bruun.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine of Parkers Prairie; children Laurie of Ocala, FL, Pat of Parkers Prairie, Gerald F. “Bud” (Mary) of West Fargo, ND, Melanie (Paul) Fritsche of New Ulm, Natalie (Duane) Nelson of Wolverton, and Monica of Ocala, FL; grandchildren Andrew Fritsche, Daniel (Julie) Fritsche, Leanne

(Kevin) Muhl, Tyler Bruun, Sarah Bruun and Brandon Anderson; four great-grandchildren; brother Harley O. Bruun of Braddock, ND; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Gerald's children and all of his grandchildren.

Inurnment will be in Sand Hill Cemetery, Climax, MN.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, or to the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Eagle Bend
300 Main St. W.
Eagle Bend, MN 56446

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Bruun*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 12, 2016 at 10:15 AM

OT

Really enjoyed all the pictures, nice tribute to Gerald. Thank you for sharing.

Orland and Maxine Thoreson - January 25, 2016 at 11:19 PM

AH

“ *Gerald was a gentle soul. Whenever I visited the Bruun family, I could count on Gerald for a smile or a laugh. I felt safe around him and always considered Gerald to be one of the many sweet, kind fathers of my friends while growing up on the farm. I have nothing but happy memories of Gerald, and I hope you -the Bruun family- take comfort in all the wonderful memories you have of this very special man. He will be remembered with great fondness and in friendship.*

Alana (Grove) Haider - January 20, 2016 at 09:11 PM

GJ

“ Remembering Gerald as a neighbor and a member of Sandhill Lutheran community. Our Sympathy to Lorraine and to Gerald's family. A gift will be given to Sandhill in memory of Gerald.

From Jerry and JoAnn Johnson.

Gerald & JoAnn Johnson - January 19, 2016 at 07:26 PM

DG

“ I'll never forget the time we had a halloween party at our house when we were very young. We had a visit from "The Great Pumpkin"!! I didn't realize until some time later that it was Gerald with a real carved out pumpkin on his head!!!!

Dan Grove

Dan Grove - January 18, 2016 at 02:57 PM

PL

“ Our condolences to all of the family of Gerald from Jerry and Pat Link. We live with the faith that Gerald is "home" with the Lord.

Pat Link - January 15, 2016 at 06:56 AM

DT

“ Our condolences to the Gerald Bruun family. Many fond memories. We remember our families going to Camp Minnewaukon Bible Camp.
We regret not being able to attend the funeral today. It is snowing here and the forecast doesn't look favorable for a 3 hour drive. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you, especially Lorraine. After 62 years it will be a difficult transition.
With love. Leon and Donna Thoreson.

Donna Thoreson - January 14, 2016 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Bruun.*



January 13, 2016 at 01:34 PM



“ *In retirement Jerry found his calling by helping bible camps do all kinds of things. I spent three summers with Jerry and Lorraine. Two in South Dakota and one in North Dakota. No horses to ride in North Dakota but there was a golf cart. May the joy of service displayed by Jerry be shared with all who mourn his loss. We will miss you ! Sending prayers from Nick & Dana Johnson*



Nick Johnson - January 13, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ *43 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 12, 2016 at 10:01 AM

LM

“ *Sending prayers of care and comfort to the Bruun family during this time of loss. Will always think of Gerald, and the Bruun family, as part of my Sand Hill family. My sympathies to you all.* ”

Lisa (Neil) Moen - January 12, 2016 at 06:54 AM

KO

“ *Sorry for your loss, he was a good man. He and my dad, Vernon Ostgaard, were pretty good friends.* ”

Kraig Ostgaard - January 11, 2016 at 03:49 PM



“ *Always smiling* ”

Peter Heydt - January 11, 2016 at 08:50 AM