



## Harlen Guse

September 5, 1942 - June 8, 2004

Harlen Frank Guse was born September 5, 1942 in Burtrum, Minnesota. He was one of 9 children born to Wilbert H. Guse, Sr. and Minnie (Sabart) Guse. His childhood years were spent on the family farm 11 miles southwest of Eagle Bend. He received his diploma from Eagle Bend High School and proceeded to enlist in the US Navy. While in the Navy, he served on the USS Enterprise during the Vietnam War. Upon return from his tour of duty, he married Beverly Ann Anderson on August 12, 1967. The couple resided in Deltona, Florida where he was stationed at Sanford Naval Station. After a brief tour in the Mediterranean, he was honorably discharged and the couple moved to Minneapolis. In 1969, Harlen and Bev welcomed Kimberley Ann to the family and shortly thereafter moved back to the family farm in Eagle Bend where he helped his dad farm and also drove truck. In 1974, Harlen began driving gravel truck for Starry Construction in Long Prairie and in 1976, Harlen, Bev and Kim welcomed William Frank to the family. They continued to live on the farm until 1984 when they moved into their home in Eagle Bend. In 1992, Harlen became the Veteran's Service Officer for Todd County, a position he held until his death. Harlen was active in the VFW for which he was the 6th District Commander from 1987-1988 and served as Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster for post 6318 in Eagle Bend. Through the years, he was also a member of the Burleene Town Board, Immanuel Lutheran Church Board and the Eagle Bend City Council, serving as Mayor for 8 years. Harlen served as a Fire Warden for the area for nearly 30 years and was on the board for the

selective service for more than 10 years. Other organizations with which he was involved include the National Rifle Association and the American Legion. Harlen was preceded in death by his parents Wilbert, Sr. and Minnie; brothers Wilbert Guse, Jr., Richard Guse and Norman Guse; and sister Walda (Guse) Steuck. He is survived by his wife Beverly; children Kimberley and William; granddaughter McKlayla; sisters Shirley (Guse) Johnson and Elaine (Guse) Asmus; brothers Willard Guse and Gary Guse, Sr. and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the Faith Lutheran Church with Reverend Al Jeske and Vicar Duston Anderson of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pallbearers are Duane Guse, Dan Hederman, Tom Guse, John Guse, Rich Hennen, Donald Guse, Russell Johnson, Gary Guse, Jr., Jim Hederman, Jim Theusch, Rod Lawin and Bill Robbins. Honorary pallbearers are Henry Ahrens, Woodrow Peery Dennis Beach, Bob Klassen, Herb Froelich, Kevin Hess, Gary Johnson, Marlyn Hagadorn and Gary Blombeck. Interment will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery immediately following the services. Known for his quick wit and love of a good joke, Harlen will be remembered as much for his love of a good card game or day of fishing as for his devotion to his family, church, job and country. Harlen will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

# Tribute Wall

DF

“ Jean and Don transmit a prayer of sympathy and love to Kim, her mom and brother. May the Lord be with you and give you strength. The power of prayer provides exceptional strength. We send our love.

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**Don and Jean Feroe** - June 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Bev, Kim and Bill, our deepest sympathy in this time of sorrow. We will forever savor the good times we had together. We always enjoyed our visits, both to the farm and later to Eagle Bend. The genuine friendship and down home hospitality was always a refreshing retreat. But the most durable memories will be Harlen's gentle kindness, sense of civic duty and unflappable sense of humor. We are sure he has earned his way to a better place.

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**Greg and Geri Baker** - June 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Aunt Bev, Kim and Bill, we are deeply saddened by your loss. "Uncle Joe" as I grew up calling him has given me such great childhood memories. I love my memories of the farm. I remember so many things. The time Uncle Joe told me to be careful around the cow fence but I had to find out for myself...what a shocking experience that was! I remember feeding the pigs and getting pecked while reaching for freshly laid eggs. I still remember the smell (whew!!) from mucking the chicken barn.

The first time I learned how to shoot was behind Uncle Joe's barn with Joe and Dad teaching me how to fire at beer cans. The first memory I have of fishing is with Uncle Joe. I remember how excited he and Dad were when I caught the "big one!"

Remember the Doberman that didn't seem to like anyone, yet Bill (as a baby) was able to sleep on him like a stuffed animal. I remember running through the corn fields with Kim and my sister, Pam. We were too small to see over the corn and needed Bev's voice to get us back to the house.

I'll never forget the fishing. One of my favorite life experiences was ice fishing in Uncle Joe's heated fishing house. Man, that was great! eating venison sausage, playing cards, listening to Joe's jokes and checking the lines every now and then. I always wanted to go back and do that again. Time has a way of getting away from you.

Mostly I remember how much Joe loved life. He was the kindest, most humble and loving person I knew. I really can't think of a kinder, gentler soul. I will really miss him.

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Chris Baker - June 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *If Harlen was anything like his daughter, then he was quite a man.....my thoughts are with Kim and her family.*

*Love , Niki*

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**Niki Banuelos** - June 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *With deep sadness we want to express our feelings of sympathy to Bev., Kim, & Bill.*

*I will always remember Joe as a kind and very giving person. A hard working and honest person, but with time and genuine caring for people, friends and family. Slow to anger and full of fun and wit; a brother-in-law that was very easy to respect and feel close to even though distance and time together were infrequent.*

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**Drew & Butch Anderson** - June 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM