

Harold Tritsch

June 14, 1927 - April 27, 2023

The funeral service celebrating the life of Harold Tritsch will be held at 11:00 am. on Monday May 8, at the United Methodist Church in Hewitt. The funeral service celebrating the life of Harold Tritsch will be held at 11:00 am. on Monday May 8, at the United Methodist Church in Hewitt. Family and friends may gather at the church on Monday, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Harold, age 95, peacefully passed away on April 27, 2023, at the St. Williams Living Center in Parkers Prairie, MN.

Harold Lowell Tritsch was born to Arthur and Della (Habben) Tritsch on June 14, 1927, in Balaton, MN. The family moved to Hewitt in June of 1936.

Harold walked out of high school at the age of 17 to join the US Navy in 1945. He served his country as a cook on the USS Tacloban (USS "T"). This ship transported munitions from Australia to Taiwan and other locations near Japan. He was honorably discharged as a Seaman Second Class on July 11, 1946. Harold was a charter member and life member of the VFW. Veteran representatives from Hospice of Douglas County presented him with a certificate for his service in the US Navy on April 14, 2023.

Art and Harold built Harold's Garage in Hewitt, which opened October 24,

1948. They worked together for many years pumping gas, repairing vehicles and operating a towing service 24/7. Harold continued to run the business for 39 years.

On January 12, 1950, Harold married Betty Kern. Born to this union were sons, Steve on April 5, 1952 and Jeff on February 20, 1955.

Harold joined the City Council and served as the Mayor for several years. The best thing that was accomplished during his time on the Council was getting water and sewer to residents in October 1992. Harold was also instrumental in opening a community grocery store for the Hewitt area. He was a charter member of the Hewitt Lions Club and served on the Hewitt Cemetery Board. He was a volunteer for 40 years with the Fire Department, having served 38 years as fire chief.

As a rural carrier for the US Postal Service for 38 years, he delivered mail in Wadena and Todd Counties. The National Safety Council recognized Harold for attaining membership in the United Postal Service Million Mile Club for driving 1,000,000 miles or 25,000 hours without a preventable accident. He retired March 1, 1989.

Harold was one of the first confirmands of the Hewitt United Brethren Church (now Hewitt United Methodist). He served the church in many capacities his entire life, often ringing the bell for Sunday services.

Preceding Harold in death were his parents, Art and Dell; wife of 50 years, Betty (7-3-2001); son, Jeff (9-17-1995); brother, Leonard and several relatives and friends.

Memories will remain with his son, Steven of Hewitt; and numerous friends.

Honorary casket bearers will be all who called him friend. Serving as casket bearers will be David Denny, Gene Denny, Gene Kapphahn, Don McIntire, Steve Peterson, and Wally Wiese.

Military honors will be provided by the Navy MNAGHG and the William Larson Post 366 - American Legion, Bertha, Minnesota.

Burial will be in Hewitt Cemetery in Hewitt, MN.

Thank you to the St. Williams Living Center staff and Douglas County Hospice care providers.

Memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Church Building Committee, 801 East 3rd Ave. Hewitt, MN. 56453

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church - Hewitt
801 East 3rd Ave.
Hewitt, MN 56543

Service

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold Tritsch*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 05, 2023 at 12:51 PM

CB

“ *Harold was a good man who helped make Hewitt a better Community. I always enjoyed visiting with Betty and Harold at the Kern reunions. There is the memory of Harold and Art pumping gas and checking under the hood at Harold's Garage. Buy a dollars worth of gas and receive full service. What a deal! How did they get anything done in the shop with all of the interruptions? God Bless Harold's memory,*



Chuck Brunko - May 07, 2023 at 07:43 PM

SB

“ *Sue Boehland
I was blessed to spend time with him in his later years. He was a gentle man, and a humble gentleman.*



Sue Boehland - May 06, 2023 at 11:13 AM

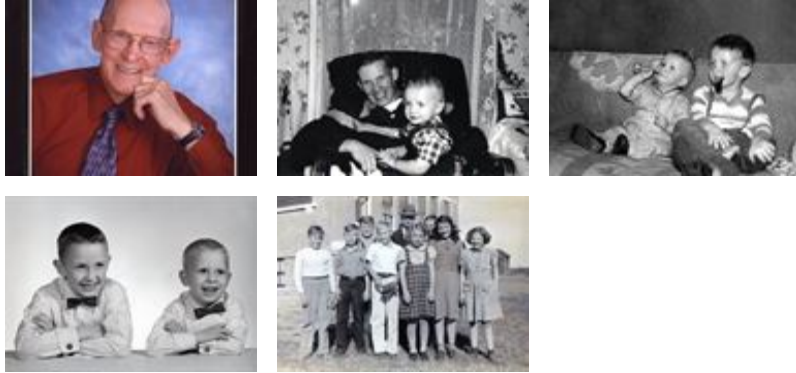


“ Dennis & Kathy Johnson spent hours in the garage

Kathy Johnson (Peterson) - May 05, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - May 05, 2023 at 12:50 PM



“ Lee & Helen James lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch



Lee and Helen James - May 04, 2023 at 08:22 PM



“ Lynn Erickson lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch



Lynn Erickson - May 04, 2023 at 09:58 AM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch*



Marladene Heinen - May 03, 2023 at 09:41 PM



“ *Thank you I'll never forget you!!!!?*



Katherine Rohr - May 03, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ *I remember Harold living at a little bit of country and sue coming to take him to a funeral and he always had a tie long sleeved shirt pants grey cowboy boots. Then he went to one and his coat was mistaken.*

Katherine Rohr - May 03, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harold Tritsch.*



May 02, 2023 at 04:38 PM

DM

“ *Dennis & Joni Mosher lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch*



Dennis and Joni Mosher - May 02, 2023 at 09:16 AM

DM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Harold's family and friends.*



Dave and Karen Meinz - May 01, 2023 at 11:34 PM

JK

“ *One of my favorite people when growing-up in Hewitt. Harold's Garage is a fond memory and was one of my favorite hangouts. Having the same birthday as his was a unique thing for both of us, and for me to know such a good person was wonderful.*



Jack Kern - May 01, 2023 at 08:59 PM

MS

“ *Marvin, & Kim Stokes lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch*



Marvin, Kim Stokes - May 01, 2023 at 08:21 PM

MF

“ Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch



marie fraune - May 01, 2023 at 08:01 PM

PJ

“ Phil & Deb Jasmer lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch



phil & deb jasmer - May 01, 2023 at 03:19 PM

TH

“ Tammie Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch



Tammie J. Hamlin - May 01, 2023 at 09:08 AM

JF

“ We will always remember Harold as a kind, caring and humble man. ❤️



Jim and Barb Fransen - April 30, 2023 at 09:30 PM

SK

“ Steve Janet Kneisl lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch



Steve & Janet Kneisl - April 30, 2023 at 06:56 PM

GG

“ Ginger Roland Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - April 30, 2023 at 05:43 PM

JJ

“ Jack Sharon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch



Jack & Sharon Johnson - April 30, 2023 at 01:26 PM

RC

“ ROBERTA CARLSON lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch



ROBERTA CARLSON - April 30, 2023 at 10:53 AM

BD

“ *Bob Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch*



Bob and Kathy Derby - April 30, 2023 at 09:53 AM

RA

“ *Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch*



Rita Anderson - April 29, 2023 at 08:59 PM

JJ

“ *One of the finest gentlemen I have had the pleasure to know.*



Jon Johnson - April 29, 2023 at 05:29 PM

AK

“ *Al Holly Knutson lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch*



Al and Holly Knutson - April 29, 2023 at 05:27 PM

GK

“ *Gene Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch*



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - April 29, 2023 at 05:10 PM

LS

“ *Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Harold Tritsch*



Lea Snyder - April 29, 2023 at 02:21 PM