



Gerald "Jerry" David Stille

December 14, 1933 - February 21, 2023

Jerry Stille, 89, died Tuesday, February 21, 2023 peacefully at his home in Lake Mills, Iowa.

A private family service will be held at Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel in Lake Mills with Mr. Kermit Singelstad officiating.

Burial of his ashes will take place at Salem Memorial Cemetery, rural Lake Mills, at a later date.

The public is invited to visitation on Sunday, February 26, 2023, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Schott Funeral Homes-Mittelstadt Chapel, 902 E. Main St. in Lake Mills.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Jerry and will be given to various charities in which Jerry held close to his heart.

Gerald "Jerry" David Stille was born on December 14, 1933 in rural Iowa and adopted to the family of Kermit and Agatha (Steehan) Stille. He grew up in Thornton, Iowa where he completed his schooling and confirmation.

On May 11, 1957 he was wed to Marlys Pauline Steenhard at First Lutheran Church in Britt, Iowa. The couple first met at a business supper where Jerry laid eyes on Marlys and knew at first sight he was going to marry her. Together they had three children; Barbara Kay, Denise Renee, and Rodney Lynn.

Jerry worked many years as a meat cutter and raised his family in LuVerne, Iowa, owning and running a grocery store. After 15 years in LuVerne, the family moved to the Des Moines area where Jerry sold real estate. In 1974, the family returned to northern Iowa, landing in Lake Mills and owning and operating Jerry's Foodland, until the sale of the store to David Fjelstad in 1985.

Besides owning Jerry's Foodland and other grocery stores in Britt and Renwick, Iowa, and Haywarden and LuVerne, Minnesota; Jerry also ran other businesses and owned many properties in Lake Mills. Jerry also enjoyed delivering Winnebagos.

After retirement, Jerry and Marlys spent winters in Mission, Texas for 26 years. While in Texas, Jerry continued his business mindset; owning real estate, selling Christmas Trees, and working and driving for Children's Haven Missions in McAllen, Texas and Reynosa, Mexico. Along with his strong sense for business and sales, Jerry was an avid hunter, fisherman, and beekeeper.

Jerry and Marlys returned to Lake Mills full time in 2017.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Marlys Stille; daughters Barbara (Lee) Nickson, Lake Mills, and Denise (Tim) Korn, Linn Valley, KS; grandchildren Brook Christianson, Lake Mills, Toni (Jared) Nicol, Johnston, IA, Brett (Alex) Nickson, Lake Mills; Anna (Marshall) Hunholz and Justin

(Kiersten) Korn, Drexel, MO; great-grandchildren Kit, Dottie, and Betsy Byars, Lake Mills; Jate, Sadie, and Audrey Nicol, Johnston, IA; brother Richard (Joyce) Stille, Swaledale, IA; sister-in-law Phyllis Ruiter, Clear Lake.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; son Rodney Stille; step-mother Minnie Stille; and brother Merlin Ruiter.

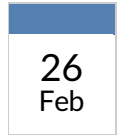
Cemetery



SALEM MEMORIAL
CEMETERY

HWY 69 North, Lake
Mills, IA 50450

Events



VISITATION
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Mittelstadt Funeral
Home 902 East Main
Street, Lake Mills, IA
50450
