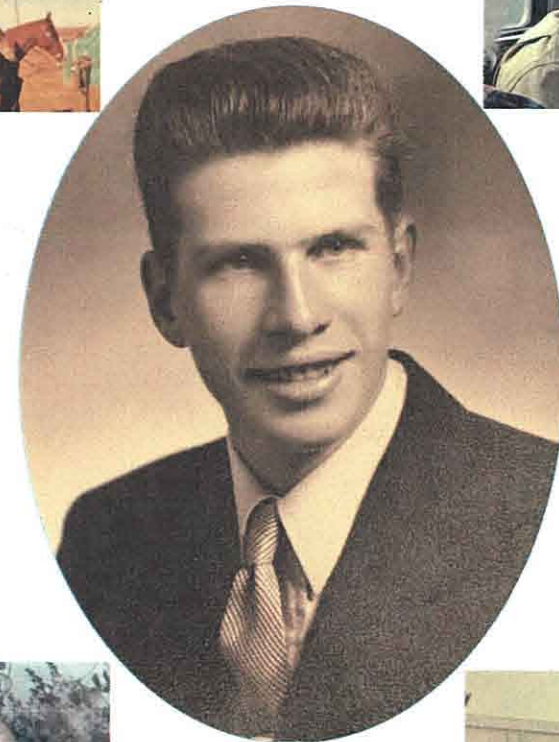


In Loving Memory
Gene Allen Woolley
July 15, 1934 -
January 10, 2022



The Dash Poem
by Linda Ellis

So, think about this long and hard.
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile,
Remembering this special dash
Might only last a little while

So, when your eulogy is being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent YOUR dash?

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on the tombstone
From the beginning...to the end

He noted that first came the date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years

For that dash represents all the time
That they spent alive on earth.
And now only those who loved them
Know what that little line is worth

For it matters not, how much we own,
The cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

Obituary

Gene Allen Woolley, age 87, of Oberon, North Dakota passed away January 10, 2022 at the family farmstead near Oberon. Gene was born July 15, 1934 at the family farmstead. He was the third child, and the only son of Dorothy (Dorothea Luvina Ingwaldson) and Richard William Woolley. Gene attended elementary school in a rural one room school, along with his sisters. In the warmer months they would ride horses to school. In the winter months they would be pulled by horse in a covered sled. They used to put heated rocks in the sled to keep their feet warm. Gene then attended Oberon High School where he lettered in basketball. He graduated from high school in 1952. During his adult life Gene partnered with his father on the farm/ranch, and continued to live and work on the farm after his father's passing. Gene was very mechanically inclined and loved to work on machinery. He also did some blacksmithing, had a log sawmill, and tinkered with "Hit & Miss" single cylinder engines. He had a license to work on and show and antique steam engines. He enjoyed driving his Rumely "Oil Pull" tractor and steam engines in parades.

He also did some hunting, trapping, fishing, and participated in trail rides. A special treat for Gene was going out to eat with his lifelong buddies in the Oberon area. Gene had an interest in everything machinery and completed a course in Machining at UND-Lake Region college. He also loved to ride, train, and drive horses. He was a true modern cowboy who was comfortable in both the old and new times.

Gene's nephew Gary said "I go up to the farm every fall to visit Gene and to hunt on his land. I really enjoyed my time with him". His nephew Brian said "Gene and Grandpa were my mentors. I learned my work ethic from them". Lori, Gene's niece, said "The farm is where I developed my love for horses. Gene showed me how to ride and how to gently train them. His love of nature and animals, both domestic and wild was inspiring. His humor was legendary as well." Gene also liked to give rides in his 1929 Model A truck. Gene's neighbor, Donna Grann, said "Gene was quite the local historian". When they were out fixing fences Gene would tell her about local history. She said "You would never hear the same story twice". Gene is survived by his sisters Betty Miller of Billings, Montana and Carol Haskin of Fargo, North Dakota; his nieces and nephews, Jeanne (Tony) Morss, Lori (Barry) Jaeger, Kathy (Mitch) Asbeck, Karen (David) Muggli, Lowell (Jackie) Haskin, Gary (Darlene) Haskin, and Brian (Susan) Haskin. Gene was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Dorothy Woolley, along with Betty's husband, Virgil Miller, and Carol's husband Gerald (Jerry) Haskin. Gene was a bachelor his entire life.

A special thank you to Gene's neighbors, the Grann family, who assisted him on the farm in his later years.

Please send memorials to : Central North Dakota Steam Thresher's Reunion
PO Box 375
New Rockford, ND 58356.

Funeral Service
Saturday, April 23, 2022
1:00 p.m.

Calvary Lutheran Church, Oberon, ND
Officiating
Reverend Jeff Halvorson

Introductory Music

Welcome

Hymn "Old Rugged Cross"

Obituary Pastor Jeff Halvorson

Readings

Isaiah 43:1b-5

Brian Haskin

John 14:1-6

Kathy Asbeck

Message Pastor Jeff Halvorson

Song "Just As I Am"

Prayer of Commendation

Lord's Prayer

Song "On Eagle's Wings"

Benediction

Recessional Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Pianist Jeanne Morss

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

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