



Harold Jerome Mattson

August 8, 1924 - September 28, 2018

Harold Jerome Mattson, age 94, of Dassel, died Friday, September 28, 2018, at Harmony River Living Center of Hutchinson. A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018, at 11:00 am with Rev. Mark Little officiating. The interment of the urn will be held at the Stockholm Lutheran Cemetery following the service.

There will be a one-hour time to gather with the family at the church prior to the service on Friday morning.

If you wish to give a memorial, please give to the Stockholm Lutheran Church, Cokato.

The Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Harold Jerome Mattson, the son of Reuben B. and Edna Lavina (Forsberg) Mattson was born on August 8, 1924, in Dassel, Minnesota. Harold was baptized and later confirmed at the Stockholm Lutheran Church in rural Cokato. He grew up on the family farm and attended Lake Jennie Country school and then graduated from the Dassel High School.

On January 27, 1946, Harold was united in marriage to Loraine Shelton at the

Mattson farm. Together they made their home on the Mattson homestead. Harold continued to farm with his father.

On August 31, 1968, Harold was united in marriage to Helen Wigen at the Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield. Together they made their home in Litchfield for several years before they moved to the north shore of Lake Jennie. They later moved to a newly built home on the south shore of Lake Jennie where they lived before moving to Cokato. In 1998, Harold and Helen moved to Dassel. Harold continued to farm. Over the years he had raised free range turkeys, selling the turkey and eggs, milked dairy cattle and raised crops on his land. He loved the land and worked hard to make a living for his family. He loved music and enjoyed singing in the Litchfield Male Chorus and the Stockholm Lutheran Church Choir. He was an avid Minnesota Twins fan and enjoyed watching a ballgame. He could often be found visiting with friends and would get involved in the conversation and forget the time. He loved his family deeply, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Harold and Helen would often go out dancing, he would be the first person on the dance floor at many weddings. He enjoyed playing dice and spent many hours playing cards with his grandchildren. He liked to travel and had traveled to Arizona, Las Vegas, and even took a trip to Morocco for his son's wedding.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Mattson of Hutchinson; children, Delmar (Suzanne) Mattson of Union, Missouri, Gordon Mattson of Minneapolis, Calla Beal of Minnetonka, and Darla (Loren) Nass of Dassel; grandchildren, Stephanie (Al) Hansen, Scott (Lisa) Mattson, Ryan (Tina) Erickson, Alissa Nass, Katie (Russ) Atkinson, Lindsey (Chris) Beal, Christopher (Elisabeth) Beal, Erick Mattson, and Taylor (Justin) Fain; great grandchildren, Hunter Mattson, Boedy Erickson, Grady Erickson, Henry Atkinson, and Benny Klaus; and sister, Donna Collison of Bemidji.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Loraine; daughter, Sharon Asplin;

son, Gaylyn Wigen; parents; sisters, Lois Ritter, Rozanne Provencher, and Janet Luedtke.

Cemetery Details

Stockholm Lutheran Cemetery

16133 County Rd 30 SW
Cokato, MN 55321

Previous Events

Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Stockholm Lutheran Church
16133 County Rd 30 SW
Cokato, MN 55321
(320) 286-2991
stockpr@xtratyme.com
<http://stockholmlutheran.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Jerome Mattson.*



October 04, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ *Delmar, Gordon and beloved family of Harold, We had only a few occasions to be with Harold and family during his lifetime, but wonderful visits they were. One was at the wedding of Delmar and my sister Suzanne; then the baptism of my nephew Erick Mattson; and I believe there may have been at least one other time. It didn't matter that we didn't know him very well; it was just easy being around him and a delightful, gentle soul. Our mother, Eleanor also truly enjoyed these visits and having pictures to commemorate these events makes them even more special. Being farm kids ourselves, there was always plenty to talk about. Our deepest sympathies to all of you and know that all of you are supported as you mourn and celebrate the life of Harold. Anna (sister and brother-in-law of Delmar) and Don Ernst' Brewster, MA*

Anna Ernst - October 04, 2018 at 09:55 AM

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“ Always great visiting with Harold. One memory I will always have of him, was talking to him on Lake Frances, when he and Helen were out for the Kingston Lions Club annual fishing contest. I went over to visit with him, asking if he caught anything. "Nope, my camera under the water tells me there are no fish right here." Harold still kept right on fishing, always listening to hear if he won anything in the drawings that took place all afternoon. Harold was always a great friend. He always came over to visit no matter where we met. Helen, so worry for your loss.

Rodney H Hess - October 03, 2018 at 06:56 PM

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“ Helen, Darla, and family,
We go back a LONG way from Helen/Park Grocery and Darla in my class. My sincere sympathy to your family with this great loss.
HUGS and prayers.

Kathy (Anderson) Nelson - October 03, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Jerome Mattson.



October 02, 2018 at 09:33 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Jerome Mattson.*



October 02, 2018 at 09:09 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Jerome Mattson.*



October 02, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ *Since Delmar and I were living in Boston when he asked me to marry him, and I being from Missouri, there wasn't the opportunity to meet Harold prior to the wedding. Meeting for the first time, eye to eye, I shook his hand and said, sure hope you like me, since I am serious about marrying this son of yours. Got a great "dad" hug as he said he thought we'd be just fine. Thanks Dad. Love, Suzanne*

Suzanne Mattson - October 01, 2018 at 09:10 PM