



Gerald Eugene Helmke

July 1, 1931 - March 14, 2016

Gerald Helmke, 84, of Iowa Falls, passed away Monday, March 14, 2016 at his home. Memorial services will be 10:30 am Saturday, March 19 at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Iowa Falls. Inurnment will be at the Lindenwood Cemetery, Geneva. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Friday, March 18 at the Woodley Funeral Home. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Gerald and his family. 641-648-7700.

Gerald "Peewee" Eugene Helmke was born on July 1, 1931 in Goldfield, Iowa to Henry and Laura (Meier) Helmke. He attended elementary school in Goldfield, Iowa and high school in Geneva, Iowa. He joined the U.S. Navy and served from December 1950 to December 1954. On January 13, 1952 Gerald was united in marriage to Eunice Dorthea Voy at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton, Iowa. Gerald worked for the John Deere Implement from 1956-1984 and farmed until retirement in 2010.

Peewee had a passion for farming and also enjoyed hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. In earlier years he coached little league for his son's team and throughout his entire life loved to attend the kids' ballgames, never missing a sporting event. Many afternoons and evenings were spent watching Iowa and Iowa State Men's Basketball.

Gerald "Peewee" Helmke is survived by his wife, Eunice Helmke of Iowa Falls,

Iowa; two sons, David (Suzan) Helmke of Hampton, Iowa and Steve (Mary Hawley) Helmke of Belmond, Iowa; grandchildren, Jordan (Brandi) Helmke of Hampton, Iowa, Josh (Shanna) Helmke of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Colin (Alison) Helmke of Hampton, Iowa and five great-grandchildren: Kyle, Carson, Carter, Hayden and Bentley. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Durwood Helmke.