

Oran Everett Goodell was born on July 18, 1921, the son of Glen and Bessie Goodell. He was born in Dundee, MN and shortly after the family moved to build a farm in Lake Park, IA. He graduated from Excelsior High School in 1939. After graduation he went to Washington state to work in the shipyards and then moved on to California. He entered the army in 1944 during World War II and achieved the rank of Staff Sargent before being honorably discharged in 1946.

On March 14, 1948 Oran was united in marriage to LaVonne Reiser in Sioux City, IA. They travelled throughout the Midwest while Oran worked as a welder until 1949 when he began working at Great Lakes pipeline in Alexandria. In 1966 Oran transitioned to teaching before retiring from the Detroit Lakes Vo Tech in 1985. After retirement, he and LaVonne toured the U.S. and international destinations, splitting time between Port Charlotte, FL and “the cabin” on Lake Miliona. A true optimist, in the words of Oran, “He had a good run!”

Oran died on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Clayton, Donny, and Jack; sister Olive; son Jim; and daughter-in-law Bobbi. He is survived by his wife LaVonne; sons: Jerry (Sandy), Craig, Rick, and Keith; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother Leon; and sisters Joyce, June, and Betty.

Remembering the Life Of



Oran Everett Goodell

1921 -2018

Fisherman's Prayer

*God grant that I may
Live to fish,
Until my dying day,
And when it comes
To my last cast,
I then most humbly pray,
When in the Lord's
Safe landing net,
I'm peacefully asleep,
That in his mercy I be judged,
As big enough to keep.*

In Loving Memory of
Oran Everett Goodell

July 18, 1921 ✠ July 4, 2018

Funeral Service
United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Saturday, July 14, 2018, 2:00 PM

Officiant
Reverend Craig Haberman

Pianist
Lonnie Kriel

Pallbearers
Chad Goodell Brian Goodell
Jesse Goodell Bruce Goodell
Wayne Reiser Greg Reiser

Burial
Kinkead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

Arrangements
Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota