

Harry Frank Gerbracht

Harry was born December 25, 1920, at Hettinger, ND, to Russell and Elinor (Schultz) Gerbracht. He lived with his family on a farm north of Hettinger until 1928, when they moved to a ranch south of Prairie City. He attended school at the Wyondotte School. He grew up on the ranch helping his father with farm work, raising cattle and sheep, and helping neighbors when they needed help. He also worked for farmers in North Dakota.

Harry met Pearl Evjen in 1939. He was drafted into the US Army on September 11, 1942. He served in the Infantry in the Pacific, Aleutians, and Luzon. He was promoted to Staff Sargent in 1943. He was honorably discharged in November 1945.

Harry and Pearl were married January 11, 1946. They bought a farm south of Prairie City where they farmed and raised cattle and sheep. He would do custom work for neighbors and friends; moving stacks, combining, and threshing.

He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Zeona, and the American Legion of Bison, SD. He was confirmed and baptized in the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Zeona. Harry enjoyed hunting, playing cards, fishing, dancing, and camping. Harry and Pearl spent their winters in Texas in their motor home. In 2008, they moved to Rapid City.

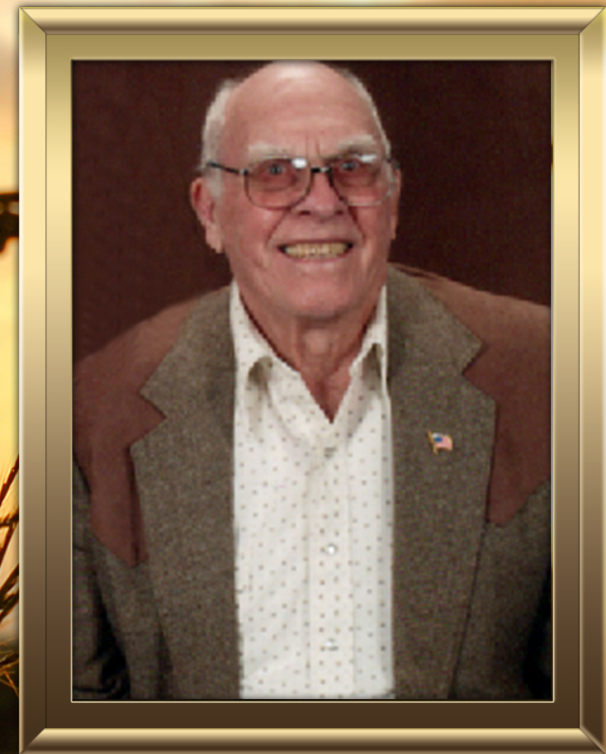
Harry Frank Gerbracht, 98, of San Antonio, TX, and formerly of the Prairie City area, passed away Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Audie L. Murphy Memorial VA Hospital in San Antonio, TX.

Harry is survived by two daughters, Luella (Richard) Robinson, San Antonio, TX, and Betty (Robert) Petersen, North Platte, NE; three grandchildren, Kelly (Patrick) Smith, San Antonio, TX, Julie (Jason) Mueller, Lincoln, NE, and Jeremy (JoLynn) Petersen, North Platte, NE; five great-grandchildren, Shelby and Dylan Smith, San Antonio, TX, Adam and Gage Mueller, Lincoln, NE, and Ean of North Platte, NE; two sisters, Mary Skogen, Mandan, ND, and Eva Creighton, Rapid City, SD; and one brother, George (Margaret) Gerbracht, Bison, SD.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl; his parents; one brother, Mike; and two sisters, Ida (Findley) Creighton and Alice Mae (Harold) Milner.

Condolences can be sent to www.kinkadefunerals.com

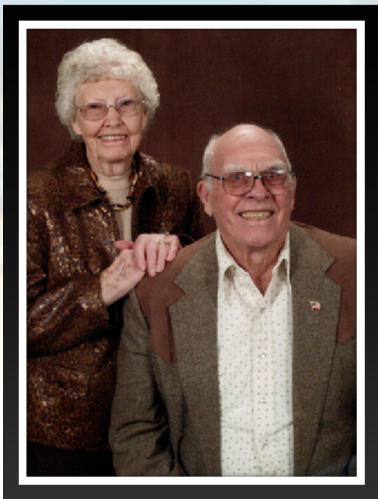
The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch at the Vet's Club in Sturgis following the committal service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Harry Frank Gerbracht

December 25, 1920 ~ May 13, 2019



In Memory Of
Harry Frank Gerbracht

Date of Birth

December 25, 1920
Hettinger, North Dakota

Date of Death

May 13, 2019
San Antonio, Texas

Funeral Service

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor David Baer

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace" "I Come To The Garden Alone"

Pallbearers

Frank Gerbracht ~ Walter Gerbracht ~ Jamie Gerbracht
Orville Evjen ~ Pernell Evjen ~ Larry Skogen ~ Gary Skogen
Dale Palczewski ~ Jeremy Petersen ~ Blake Smith
Jason Mueller ~ Ron Creighton

Honorary Pallbearers

All Nieces and Nephews

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard
Sturgis, South Dakota

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

My Farm

My farm to me is not just land
Where bare unpainted buildings stand—
To me, my farm is nothing less
Than all created loveliness.

My farm is not where I must toil
My hands in endless dreary toil
But where, through seed & swelling pod
I've learned to walk, and talk with God.

My farm to me is not a place
Outmoded by the modern race
For here, I think, I just see less
Of evil, greed, & selfishness.

My farm's a haven—here dwells rest,
Security and happiness—
Whate'er befalls the world outside
Here faith and hope and love abide.

And so my farm is not just land
Where bare unpainted buildings stand—
To me, my farm is nothing less
Than all God's hoarded loveliness.