



Ernest Orin Gavle

August 9, 1935 - December 8, 2018

Ernest Orrin Gavle, 83, of rural Dorchester IA died December 8, 2018 in a farm accident near his home. He was born August 9, 1935 to Orletta (Tangen) and Edgar Gavle. He was baptized at Iowa River Lutheran Church September 8, 1935. When he was 18 months old his family moved to their farm in Dorchester IA. He attended Waterloo Ridge country school near his home and formed many lifelong friendships there. After graduating from country school he continued his education at Spring Grove Public School. He was confirmed June 18, 1950 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring Grove MN.

Ernest was a devoted son and cared for his mother when her health declined until he could no longer do so. Orletta passed away December 29, 1984.

Ernest farmed with his father until Edgar's death on April 6, 1989.

He was a nearly lifelong and devoted member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Caledonia MN and held several offices there. He rarely missed a Sunday service even when the weather was bad. He was a member of the Republican Central Committee of Allamakee County and a former trustee for Waterloo Township. He also served on the board for Iowa River Cemetery.

Ernest was a good cook and often friends and neighbors would "stop in" at mealtime to share a bite with him. He also had a love of sweets and family and friends always made sure he had homemade treats to eat.

He kept a daily diary for almost 60 years and he enjoyed looking back through the pages and sharing little bits of history. He also kept a birthday book and never forgot a birthday or special occasion.

Ernest enjoyed visiting with family and friends. He had the best laugh and sometimes he would get to giggling so hard it was infectious! He was always willing to lend a hand and could often be found helping out a neighbor. Although he enjoyed being home on the farm he also liked to travel. He took a trip in 1964 to visit relatives in Seattle Washington and also made several trips to North Dakota to visit relatives.

He is survived by first cousins Gordon (Sandra) Tangen, Vernon (Sandra) Gavle, Burton (Bud) Gavle (Emma Thompson), RuthAnn Pladsen, Janet (Dave) Starr, Lorna (Chester) Thune, Lois Anderson, and Jean Mineger as well as other extended family members and his Waterloo Ridge "family".

He was preceded in death by his parents, maternal grandparents Albert and Anna Tangen, paternal grandparents Nels and Bessie Gavle, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors and friends.

He will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. Ernest was truly a blessing.

Cemetery Details

Iowa River Cemetery

Dorchester, IA 52140

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Caledonia, MN 55921

Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Caledonia, MN 55921

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I enjoyed my visits with Ernest for many years when I was in the Dorchester area on hunting trips., He graciously allowed me to hunt on his land. We always enjoyed talking politics as we were like minded on that subject. He was just such a nice man who will be missed by friends and family...my sincere condolences!!

*Danny Michael
Waterloo, Iowa*

Danny Michael - December 14, 2018 at 08:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest Orin Gavle.



December 14, 2018 at 07:53 AM

JZ

“ Ernest and his mother and father were neighbors to my parents, Orval & Evelyn Tilleraas. When I was a little girl I would often jump in the truck with Ernest and his father as they went to feed cattle on the farm located at the end of the county road than ran by our home. Ernest and his father exchanged threshing duties with my father and many times I spent the day with Ernest's mother. His mother Orletta made the best fried bread dough. Ernest always had a smile on his face and never had a bad word to say about anyone. A prince among men. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Jeannine Tilleraas Zimmerman

Jeannine Zimmerman - December 13, 2018 at 04:46 PM

JS

Thank you for your comments about Ernest. He spoke of your family often when we were young. He was so much fun and enjoyed his friends and neighbors. His mom and dad were so sweet to us kids. Prayers for him to be Home with his maker. I cannot be present today but my heart will be there.

janet Tamgen Starr. - December 14, 2018 at 09:53 AM

MH

“ We always enjoyed his visits to North Dakota. What a kind man. Marsha Hendrickson, one of Emma Frethiem's granddaughters.

marsha hendrickson - December 13, 2018 at 11:46 AM

AK

“ Ernest was always a great host to us from North Dakota. Loved meeting him and was so glad we got to visit him this fall. His memory will live on with us. Alan and Gayle Klefstad.

alan &Gayle Klefstad - December 13, 2018 at 10:01 AM

FT

“ *from Naomi and Arthur Towson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ernest Orin Gavle.*



from Naomi and Arthur Towson - December 12, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest Orin Gavle.*



December 11, 2018 at 04:34 PM

JS

“ *Ernest was a good man who was loved by many and especially was a Good Servant for Christ. He lived a life trying to do his best and serve his family friends and especially his God. He was always welcoming, ready to serve whoever showed up at his place any time and would love taking kids on a farm tour. My grandchildren loved watching him do the milking and seeing the animals. Last time we visited he had goats that delighted us. My children, Jenny Julie and Todd , helped him with haying and many other chores. I loved it the one time he drove to Seattle with my mom and Vernon, Debbie and Nancy. He was always curious wanting to know about people. Few people like him are around these days. I'll miss him very much. A cousin like a brother.*

Janet Starr - December 11, 2018 at 03:03 PM

JF

“ Janet Tangen Starr Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ernest Orin Gavle.



Janet Tangen Starr Family - December 11, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Ernest Orin Gavle.



December 11, 2018 at 01:37 PM

FH

“ Faye Halverson lit a candle in memory of Ernest Orin Gavle



Faye Halverson - December 11, 2018 at 01:12 PM

FF

“ From the Solem Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ernest Orin Gavle.



From the Solem Family - December 10, 2018 at 09:38 PM

KS

“ I spent many summers with Ernest and his parents in my younger years, one time I showed up in tennis shoes to help with the farming and they took me right to the store and bought me Red Wing Boots! I was little I didn't know. As time went on I took my boy up there for visits. My brothers and our wives always loved to stop by on our motorcycle rides to visit him and I think he enjoyed that as well. We will miss him. He was a kind loving man and God will take him with wide open arms. RIP Ernest you will be missed...All of our Love, Kevin and Cindy Solem

Kevin Solem - December 10, 2018 at 06:12 PM

LS

“ Gonna miss a true friend in Ernest. Spent a lot of time talking around the table, helping chore and hunting the area farms. Maybe drive the country side and chat about friends and relatives.i was born up in Spring Grove but moved to Cedar Rapids very young. But I always went back. I was going up this week to visit . Not expecting this kind of trip. Could find a truer honest friend. So it's good bye from here and God take you in his loving.heart and bless you to his kingdom. Much love from the Larry and Kathy Solem family..

Larry Solem - December 10, 2018 at 06:05 PM

HL

“ Such a kind man. He always brought Spring Grove pop to the Iowa River picnic. I had a chance to work with him a couple of days when we built the shelter at Iowa River. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. God Bless.

Harold Lee - December 10, 2018 at 03:29 PM