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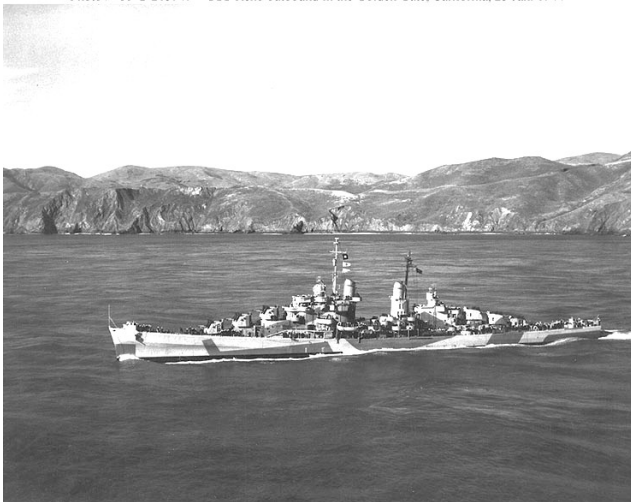
– Lost at Sea –

This Memorial Day, let us remember Seaman First Class Marlowe E. Stellmacher, USNR. Marlowe, also known as "Gussy," was born to Marvin and Isabelle Stellmacher in Gary on November 4, 1924, and grew to adulthood here, graduating from Gary High School in 1942. He had one older sister, Beverly. While at home, Gussy peddled the Gary Interstate paper, and helped his uncle on the farm. Beverly, his sister, stated that Gussy was always very mechanically minded and enjoyed working with engines.



He enlisted in the Navy while still a senior in high school so he could avoid being drafted into something he wouldn't enjoy. He was trained in Farragut, Idaho. Eventually he was stationed on the USS Reno, which was an Atlanta-class light cruiser, designed for anti-aircraft warfare and was part of Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey's 3rd Fleet. Gussy took part in several battles including the Battle of Sibuyan Sea on October 24, 1944, the Battle of Surigao Strait on October 25, 1944, the Battle off

Photo # 80-G-215949 USS Reno outbound in the Golden Gate, California, 25 Jan. 1944



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Samar on October 25, 1944, and the Battle of Cape Engano on October 25, 1944, all of which were part of the four-day Battle of the Leyte Gulf. This Battle of Leyte Gulf was the largest naval battle of World War II, with over 200,000 naval personnel involved. This battle took place October 23-26, 1944, and resulted in more than 3000 Allied troop casualties compared to 12,000 Japanese troops lost. Admiral Halsey was later criticized regarding his confusing communications and delayed response to calls for assistance during the battles.

The Imperial Japanese Navy suffered the greatest loss of ships and personnel in its entire history in the Battle of Leyte. This battle also saw the first pre-planned kamikaze (suicide "special attack" planes) attacks of World War II.

On the night of November 3, 1944, USS Reno was sailing east of the Samar Island in the Philippines, escorting USS Lexington CV-16 when she was hit by two torpedoes fired from Japanese submarine I-41. One torpedo lodged in the outer hull and was later defused, the second torpedo exploded four decks below

topside. Casualties were 46 dead and many injured. Those who did not survive the attack were buried at sea. One of the casualties was Marlow Eugene Stellmacher. He was one day shy of his 20th birthday. His parents were notified by the Navy Department on November 21st that Marlowe was missing in action. It wasn't until one year later, on December 10th of 1945, that the Secretary of the Navy notified his family of the details of the incident. His death was presumed to have occurred on November 4, 1945. His remains were unrecoverable and he is memorialized in the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines as well as at Grandview Cemetery in Gary. While serving in the Navy, Gussy received several citations including the Purple Heart. His biggest achievement was his rank, Fireman 1st Class, which he received only days before his death.

USS Reno was towed 700 miles to the American base at Ulithi Atoll for temporary repairs and then steamed under her own power across the Pacific to the Charleston Navy Yard in March of 1945 for heavy repairs. Eventually the ship was fitted with hundreds of bunk spaces and used to transport troops home from Europe. She was decommissioned in November of 1946.

The Gary Interstate archives

Fallen Sons and Daughters of South Dakota Project

Photo # 80-G-287559 USS Reno after she was torpedoed off the Philippines, Nov. 1944



Looking Back

125 years ago, May 1901

Prairie fire consumes the new house of Mr. A. Farrel

State Bank of Gary, new bank in Gary

D.H. Tandy takes over Gary Interstate

Smallpox scare now over

New business - Ladies and Gents

Furnishing Goods

Births: Boy to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Greene

Deaths: Mrs. Herman Runge - Clara

Bradley - Margaret Vera Stevens

100 years ago, May 1926

Prairie fire damages haystacks west of town

Barn and garage fire at Pete Beaudry's

Hen house fire at Eng's

Seniors present "Am I Intruding?"

Fred Bartels injures back when falling from ladder

Births: Boy to Mr. & Mrs. A.T. Nelson

Girl to Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Sherburne

Death: Baby Canute

75 years ago, May 1951

Gary farmer, Herman Kreins, killed in tragic accident

Art's Service Station opens

Bernard Schulte tractor collides with car driven by Henry Hauger

Senior school graduation May 16

Sharon Stone killed on highway

Seniors Who's Who-Alfred Nelson-Eleanor Norton - Ruth Peden - Betty Sueverkuepp and Leon Webber

Birth: Boy to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Giese

Deaths: Herman Kreins, Adaline Fossum, Sharon Stone, Mrs. W.D. Gordon, Andrew Christopher

Correction from April 1951 -

Marriage - Loretta Olufson & John Hentges

50 years ago, May 1976

Patti Kaiser named to Girls State and

Bobby Koerlin named to Boys State

GHS to graduate thirteen at

commencement May 23rd

Gary boys - Rick Chamley, Mark Oswald,

Jim Norton, Marlin Lorenzen, and Brian

Stone place at State Track meet

Lori Nelson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs.

Ordean Nelson, capped at nurses' capping ceremony in Mitchell

T & G Cafe - All You Can Eat - Fish or

Chicken with French Fries & Cole slaw \$2

Deaths: John Quinlan, Mary Gordon, Mrs.

Hershel McLain, Mrs. Theo Thomas, Mrs.

Maggie Petersen

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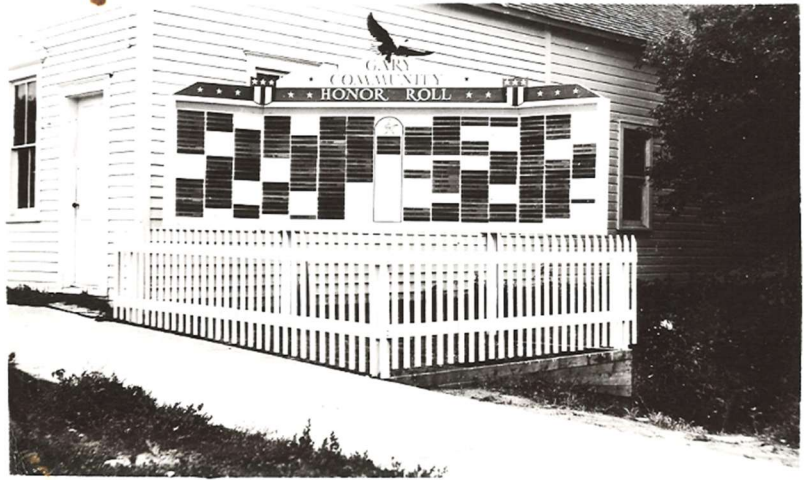
220 Names Placed on Gary Honor Roll

August 17, 1944 Gary Interstate

Above is a picture of the recently completed community honor roll for those now in the service, discharged, and those who have given their lives in the present war. It is located on the southwest corner of Gary's main street intersection.

This service board measures some 15 feet long and four feet high with each name printed on a piece of wood ten inches in length. These pieces of wood, after the name has been printed thereon with type, have been shellacked and given two coats of varnish.

Considered one of the finest and prettiest service boards in this territory, the above picture does not do it justice. A neat picket fence has been placed in front of the board which is about three feet off the ground. The colored eagle, shields, and wording add to the neatness of the board.



A.T. Nelson, Henry Denekamp, Orville Solem, Dave C. Gould, Ted J. Potthoff, Elmer Stoltenburg constructed the board in the main, with Harry Peterson, Bill Lundquist, Donald Nelson, John Kenyon, Pete Beaudry and others assisting.

At the present time there are 220 names displayed on the board and these are listed according to columns and alphabet as follows:

First Column - Art Aaker, Oscar Almos, William Almos, Gladys Almos, Bernard Anderson, Arnold Anderson, Frank Anderson, Raymond Asher, and Everett Asmussen. - Walter Baer, Rudolph Baer, Wendell Bailey, Virgil Bailey, Paul Bartels, Wilmar Bartsch, George Battensky, Aimee Beaudry.

Second Column - Paul Bengtson, Raymond Bengtson, Murvale Carlson, Clifford Carlson, William Christensen, Kenneth Cochrane, Donald Cochrane, Roy Collins, Harrol Collins, Edward Cornell, Vernon Cook, Russell Cook, Cyril Crocker.

Third Column - Herman Diekman, Raymond Diekman, Walter Diekman, Alvin Dircks, Edward Dircks, George Dircks, Bernard Donaldson, Carroll Donaldson, Leo Donaldson, Ross Donaldson, Wayne Donaldson - Dan Eakins, Donald Eakins, and Howard Eakins.

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Fairchild Farmgirl

Do you remember me writing that May was going to be crazy? Well, here we are in the thick of it. Guess what? My ADHD brain loves every little bit of it. So, we got through Cody and Laura's beautiful wedding, which was amazing. This past weekend, we celebrated Levi with an early graduation party at the Gary Legion.

Up until the week before, I was stressed out about how we would decorate. In the past, we've always had some sports things, FFA, or other groups to show off on the tables at the party. Levi likes three things that we could display somehow: football, trap shooting, and working. Ron and I giggled as we walked around the place, looking for ways we could make centerpieces for the party. "Well, you know how he collects junk, maybe we can use that." He wasn't wrong! As Ron walked past Levi's old boat with the light hanging off it, he said, "We could put this old light as a centerpiece!" We decided against that but did pick up three old center hubcaps from his Chevy pickup and an old console from the same vehicle. "This will be where people can put his cards!" Ron said excitedly. So, a lot of scrubbing ensued, and by the party, we had a lot of stuff to put out. It was fun, our centerpieces ended up being antlers from his shed hunts, spent shells that had notches in the plastic to hold pictures, and "ditch bouquets" which had blooming plum branches, dried grasses, dogwood, leafed out branches, and pheasant feathers - they were beautiful!

In other news, Caio; our foreign exchange student, came downstairs last night with a sad look in his eye and said, "One more Sunday." I thought, what in the world is he saying? Then I realized what he meant. His parents are coming to spend time with us, and then they're taking him back to Brazil. We are throwing him a surprise party on the Friday before he leaves. I'm not worried about him reading this...he has no idea I even write for the paper. But it's going to be great for his family to meet his friends and our neighbors.

As for me, I'm happy school is going to be over for the year. I have some interesting summer plans for myself, for one, the farmers' market in Watertown (I love that market). I am going to see what it will take to turn my old liberal arts degree from MN West into a business degree. If that's the case, Levi and I will be at the same school (well him in Pipestone). For now, let's just get through the graduation ceremony. We'll deal with everything afterwards.

Until next time, Fairchild "congrats seniors!" Farmgirl



We Remember – Gary Honor Roll Continued

Fourth Column - Rodney Eakins, Berdle Eckley, Russell Ekley, Allen Eikamp, Ingvald Eidem, Donald Eng, Ransom Eng, Vincent Eng - Alice Ferguson, Elmer Ferguson, Kermit Ferguson, Norman Ferguson, Paul Ferguson, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Richard Frohlech.

Fifth Column - Homer Gage, Leon Gilbert, Leroy Gjertvig, Leonard Goblirsch, Maurice Goblirsch, Phaye Golly, Lavern Gordon, Wilfred Gordon, Herman Gorum, Ellen Gould, Robert Gross - Loren Helmbolt.

Sixth Column - Harvey Hal, Kenneth Hanson, Ralph Harkins, William Harkins, Phillip Hauger, John Heiney, Elmer Heiserman, Darold Helmberger, Harold Helmberger, Asa Hemmingson, George Hornstein, Samuel Hoy, Armond Hoy, Lloyd Hill, Merrill Hendrikson, Hazel Hubbs, Roy Hubbs, Gerald Huffman, George Huffman, Lloyd Huffman.

Seventh Column - Carroll Hutchings, Clifford Hemmingson - Meredith Jarman, Wayne Jarman, Wesley Jarman, Carl Jensen, Russell Jensen, Leo Jenson, Robert Jesme, Gilbert Johnson, Helmer Johnson, Herman Johnson, Martin Johnson, Raymond Johnson.

Eighth Column - Gold Stars - John Cole, Wilbur Giraud, Lyndon Lytle, Bruce Lytle

Ninth Column - Orville Kenyon, Thomas Kennedy, William Knipe, Kimbell Kompelien, Warren Kelsey, Frederick Knock - George Lehnertz, Louis Lehnertz - Vincent Melcher, Raymond Melcher, Frank Merrill.

Tenth Column - Herbert Meyer, Wilfred Miles, Clarence Mille, Lloyd Miller, Francis Miller, Robert Mork, Lloyd Morris, Clayton Mount, Albert McKee, Fred Meyer, Jack McLain, Morris Melby, David Marvin, Lowell Marvin, Paul Marvin - Archie Norton, Donald Nieland, Elliot Nelson, Merle Nelson.

Eleventh Column - Keith Neville, John Nichols - Erwin Oswald, Wilbert Ortman, Arthur Ovroms - Martin Paglusch, Walter Paglusch, Elmer Pederson, Fred Peters, Wayne Peterson, William Pettingill, Walter Phipps, Justin Pinard, John Pinard, Darrold Proehl.

Twelfth Column - Francis Patthoff, Kenneth Potthoff - Vincent Rauen, Vernon Raker, Dean Rogers, Milton Rogers, Charles Rowland, Carl Wood, Theodore Rupe - Virgil Stellmacher, Clarence Stellmacher, Glen Stellmacher, Lawrence Stellmacher.

Thirteenth Column - Donald Stangeland, Robert Stangeland, Fred Stangeland, Floyd Stangeland, Francis Schuttler, Carl Schuttler, Henry Schuttler, James Shaeffer, Elmore Shepherd, Harold Shepherd, Frederick Simonton, Donald Skallerud, Leslie Skallerud, Madison Sleaper, Kenneth Snyder, Joseph Soukup, Arnold Stefferud, Paul Schmahl, Albert Schmahl, Raymond Schmahl, Miriam Scholberg, Harry Schulte.

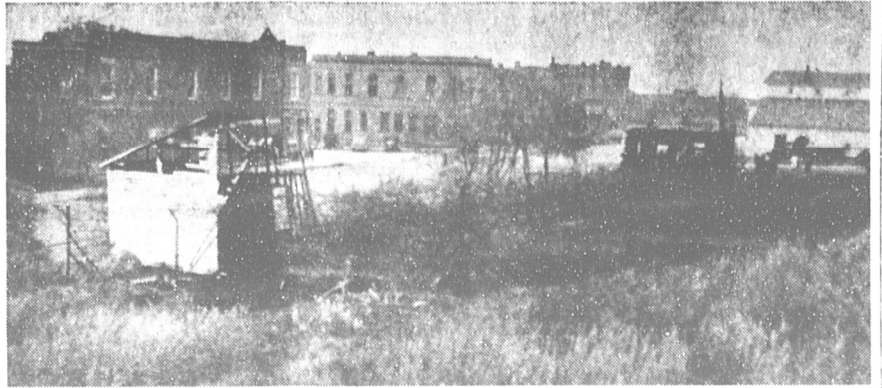
Fourteenth Column - Marlowe Stellmacher, Joyce Swanson, Dorothy Stone, Albert Stuerman, John Sueverkruupp - Eddie Thompson, Frank Thielfoldt, Horace Thompson, Arne Thompson, Abner Thompson, Gerhard Thompson, Chester Thomas, Wallace Thomas, Roy Thomas, Earl Thorson, Stanley Thorson.

Fifteenth Column - Harland Walter, Clarence Walter, William Walter, Eugene Wylie, Carl Wiese, Jack Wolsky, Frank Wolsky- Ernest Young.

Additional names were added as the war continued. Marlowe Stellmacher was added to the Eighth column of Gold Stars - those who died in service to our country.

The Community Honor Roll stood on the southwest corner of the intersection of Coteau Street and First Avenue until October 12th of 1945 when the C.M. Youman's lumber company burned. Without a moment to spare, a group of men chopped loose the posts of the Community Honor Roll board and carried it to safety across the street. It was scorched on the back as it was close to the burning structure. It's future whereabouts are unknown.

Fire Consumed Gary Landmark Last Friday



Legion presence at the Gary Grandview Cemetery

American Legion Post 109, Centennial History

July 11, 1963: Motion made and seconded to buy eight-foot long monument for cemetery for \$850.00. Motion carried.

Gary Interstate, May 28, 1964

Memorial Day services will be conducted at the Gary School Auditorium on May 30, 1964 under the auspices of the Peden-Cole American Legion Post 109 and Auxiliary of Gary.

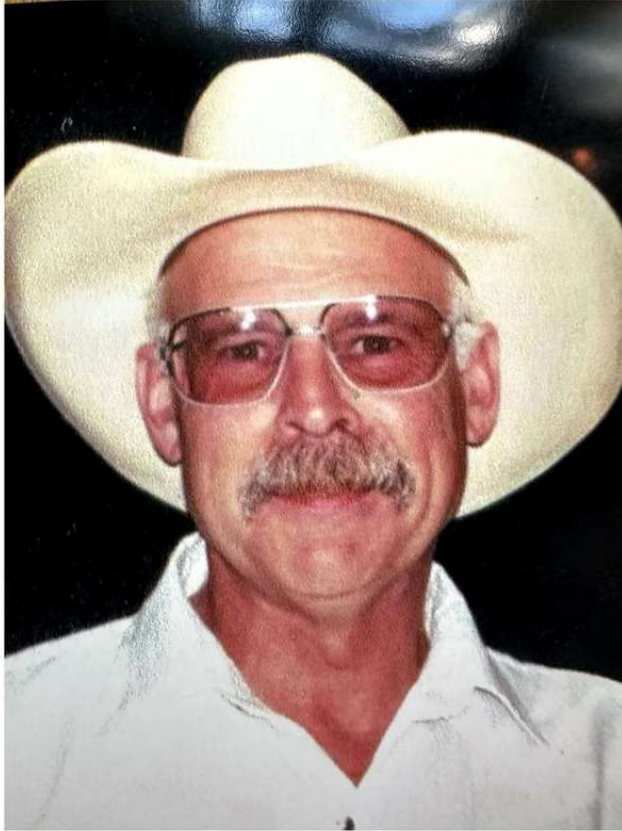
Members of the band, veterans, Gold Star Mothers, and anyone taking part in the program are asked to meet at the Legion Hall.

Services at the cemetery will be held at the site of the new monument recently erected by the Legion Post of Gary.

American flags will be placed at the graves of veterans by the American Legion by Memorial Day if weather is permissible.

- Over the years, deceased veterans names have continually been added to the monument, engraved on both the front and back sides of the memorial. The veterans are listed only by name. Uniformity symbolizes equal honor for all veterans, regardless of rank or branch of service. There are currently 249 veterans memorialized on the Legion monument.



James “Jim” Gordon Denelsbeck**December 13, 1948 – April 29, 2026**

James “Jim” Gordon Denelsbeck was born on December 13, 1948, to Gerda and Gordon Denelsbeck in Canby, Minnesota. Growing up on the family farm, Jim developed a lifelong passion for horses, hunting, and the outdoors. He often described his childhood as the best a boy could imagine—a time spent exploring nature and making memories with family and friends.

Following his graduation from Canby High School in 1966, Jim served as a communications specialist in the National Guard. During this time, he also attended vocational school for welding. While his first welding job took him to the Twin Cities, the move proved most significant for two reasons: he met the love of his life, Patti, and he realized how much he missed the rhythm of rural life. Shortly after marrying, the couple moved back to outstate Minnesota to build their life together.

Jim spent twelve years farming alongside his father, Gordon, and brother-in-law, Larry Vogt. While he cherished the land, Jim’s true talent lay in the workshop. He excelled at designing, improving, and repairing equipment, eventually opening his own welding business on his property. Though he officially tried to retire at 62, Jim’s hands were rarely still; he continued to build and repair things until he was 77.

To those who knew him, Jim was a master storyteller who could talk for hours. He had a genuine curiosity about people, enjoying conversations with folks from all walks of life and learning from their experiences. In their younger years, Jim and Patti shared a love for building and racing cars. For decades, they were also fixtures of the local pool community, and Jim held his “pool family” close to his heart.

An avid deer hunter, Jim spent much of his year grooming trails, planting food plots, and perfecting stands on his boyhood home and hunting grounds, affectionately known as the “Holy Land.”

Jim often remarked that he felt like the luckiest person on earth, having been blessed with a wonderful childhood and an adult life shared with a special woman, beloved children, grandchildren, and a large, close-knit extended family.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Patricia “Patti” (Pederson) Denelsbeck, and their son, Larry. He is survived by his children: Michelle (Jerry) Driessen, Jacqueline (Paul) Carter, and Jesse (Heather) Denelsbeck; his grandchildren: Aaron (Danielle) Driessen, Emily Driessen, and Preston Denelsbeck; close family friend, Randy Hennen; and his special friend, Marian Monroe.

The family will be hosting a celebration of life on Friday, May 8th at the Gary Legion Dance Hall. A short memorial service will be held at 6:30 PM, followed by a drop-in social gathering until 9:30 PM to share memories of Jim. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the American Legion Post 109 in Jim’s honor.



Edna A (Nelson) Nothem, age 94 of Canby, MN died peacefully; surrounded by her children on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Sylvan Court Nursing Home in Canby. Memorial services were at 10:30 am on Monday, May 11, 2026 at First Baptist Church in Canby, MN with Rev. Jeff Cooper officiating with burial in the Canby City Cemetery, Canby, MN. Visitation was held on Sunday, May 10, 2026 at the Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby, MN and resumed Monday, one hour prior to the service at the church.

Edna Aileen (Nelson) Nothem was born on September 3, 1931, in Balaton, MN to parents John and Vendla (Vieman) Nelson. She grew up on the family farm southwest of Balaton, and attended school district #79, graduating in 1948 from high school in Balaton, MN. Edna was one of 13 children.

Edna loved her family; her greatest joy was visiting with her children and extended family. She was always ready for an adventure, going anywhere with those she loved. A road trip included polka music, checking out the crops and a good lunch along the way. Edna also had a passion for music. Not only could she play several instruments (guitar, piano and accordion) but she played by ear and didn't read notes. Edna loved going to dances, especially polka dancing with her favorite music provided by the Larry Olsen Band/Lake Benton MN. In addition to music, Edna loved being outdoors and going for walks. Once she entered the Sanford Health Sylvan Court, she took up a new hobby of painting, which she found a great joy in doing. Birds were of interest to Edna and she painted several portraits which were proudly displayed in her room, her family's walls as well as in the gallery at Sanford.

What people will remember most about Edna was her sense of humor, kindness, and that she could make you laugh with her quick-witted comebacks. She was also very generous, practical, and possessed a grateful spirit. She really cared about the people in her life and expressed her love of life with laughter and appreciation for those around her. A couple of Edna's favorite quotes were: "It's all what you make it" and "Tide and Time wait for no man".

Edna was married to the love of her life Donald R. (Gunner) Nothem on December 23, 1955. To this union 6 children were born. The Nothem's purchased the Canby Corral Drive-Inn which they owned and operated for 18 years. After the sale of the business, they moved their family to a farm 7 miles west of Canby. Edna worked at the Canby Community Health System for over 10 years before retiring. After the death of her husband Don in 1981, Edna met and married Marvin Kasemodel. They lived on a farm near Brandt, South Dakota before moving to Watertown, South Dakota and then returned to Edna's family farm in the 90's.

Edna is survived by her 6 children, Donald S Nothem, Rapid City SD., Deborah (Doug) Full, Canby MN., Brenda (Gary) Denelsbeck, Porter, MN., Steven (Kelli) Nothem, Gilcrest, CO., Robert Nothem, Anchorage AK, Jeffery (Nikki) Nothem, Clear Lake SD. 24 Grandchildren, 38 Great Grandchildren and 4 Great, Great Grandchildren, 1 sister Anna Marie Mortland, Marshall MN and many nieces and nephews. Edna was preceded in death by her parents John and Vendla (Vieman) Nelson, husband Donald R Nothem, husband Marvin Kasemodel, 4 sisters, Hilda Nelson, Selma Nelson, Helen Bailey, Alice Olson, 5 brothers, Morris, Rueben, Herb, Warren and Charles Nelson, 2 infant siblings, daughter in law Teresa Nothem, granddaughter's spouse Jason Van Engen and great grandson Jaron Kramer.



Patrick (Pat) McLain, age 77, of rural Canby, MN passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at the Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2pm on Wednesday, May 13th at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Canby, MN. Visitation will be held an hour prior to the service at the Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby, MN from 12:45pm to 1:45pm on Wednesday followed by a procession to the church for Mass at 2pm. Burial will be at the Grandview Cemetery in Gary, SD. Houseman Funeral Home, Birk Chapel in Canby, MN has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Patrick Joseph McLain was born on March 9, 1949, to Joseph and Zita (DeRider) McLain of Canby, MN. He attended Catholic school at St. Peter's Church and then graduated from Canby High School.

He married Rose Volk in 1969. The couple had five children and lived in Gary, SD. He married JoAnne Brisk in 1984. In his younger years, Pat dabbled in rodeo, which he attended throughout life. Pat's favorite occupation was working with horses, hauling them and cattle for area ranchers and farmers. Pat liked country music, documentary shows, and rural scenery. He enjoyed going for coffee with his friends daily, to sale barns weekly, and antiquing with JoAnne.

He is survived by his partner, JoAnne; children Gregory McLain, Pamela (Randy Miller) McLain, John McLain, Jodi (John) McLain Richards, Jessica (Ryan) Brassell, and Lane Smith McLain; grandchildren Adalyn McLain, Sawyer Miller, Josephine Richards, Julian Daugherty, and Ragnar Brassell; brothers Thomas, Michael (Brenda), James (Barb), and Richard; sister Mary Jo (Edward) Phillips; aunt Margaret Moore; many cousins, nephews, nieces, other loved ones and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Zita; sisters-in-law Patty and Rita; and nephew Alan McLain.

As Pat would say, keep bidding.

JR Auxiliary Project

DEATH NOTICE - LeRoy "Buck" J. Dessler, age 85, of Gary, SD, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2026 at the Avantara Nursing Home in Milbank, SD. A Celebration of Life and burial with Military Honors will be held at a later date.



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- May 30th – **NO SUPPER**
- June 6th – Prime Rib
- June 20th – Smoked Pork Chops or Rib Eye
- Jul 3rd – **BBQ Pork Sandwich & Burger Bar**
- Jul 4th – 8-11 AM Pancake Feed (at the Legion Dance Hall)
- Jul 4th – Prime Rib Supper (at the 109 Club)
- Jul 18th – Smoked Pork Chops or Rib Eye
- Aug 1st – Prime Rib
- Aug 8th – **TENTATIVE** Sweet Corn Feed
- Aug 15th – Smoked Pork Chops or Rib Eye
- Sep 5th – Prime Rib
- Sep 19th – Smoked Pork Chops or Rib Eye
- Oct 3rd – Prime Rib

Gary American Legion Memorial Day Service
May 25, 2026 10:00am
Commander: Darby Hemish

- Procession.....Legion Members, Miss Poppies, Jr. Auxiliary Members
- Presentation of Colors.....Legion & Sr. Auxiliary Members
- The Pledge Of Allegiance.....Assembly
- The National Anthem.....Deuel High School Choir
- The Invocation.....Cooper Rami
- Welcome.....Commander Darby Hemish
- The Gettysburg Address.....Lauryn Peterreins
- In Flanders Field.....Lilly Swoboda
- Old Glory.....Bethanney Hoffmann
- This is a SoldierJunior Auxiliary, SD Sons of the Legion
- God Bless America.....Junior Auxiliary, SD Sons of the Legion
- Remember.....Maddie Gaisalon

Service at the Cemetary immediately following the program.
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Gary American Legion Memorial Day Service
May 25, 2026 10:00am
Commander: Darby Hemish

- The Unknown Soldier.....Rose Swaboda
- Memorial Day.....Aspen Hoffmann
- The History of the Poppy.....Violet Swobod
- The Fallen Soldier.....Jasmine Foster
- Memorial Day Forever Remembered.....Elsie Alva
- American Tears.....Deuel High School Choir
- God Made a Soldier.....Harper Hoffmann
- Address.....Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Bill Palmer, US Army
- The Closing Prayer.....Cooper Rami
- Announcements.....Commander Darby Hemish
- Retirement Of Colors.....Legion & Sr. Auxiliary
- Procession.....Legion Members, SD Sons of the Legion, Jr. Auxiliary

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