



Lloyd J Gross

September 30, 1919 - October 26, 2014

Lloyd J. Gross, 95 year old resident of St. Cloud, MN, formerly of Lastrup, MN, passed away Sunday, October 26, 2014, at the Veterans Administration Home in St. Cloud, MN. He died as he lived, with courage and surrounded with love from family and friends. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz, MN with Father Al Stangl officiating and Father Kenneth Popp concelebrating. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. Visitation will be from 1:30 to 2:00 pm on Saturday at the church.

Lloyd John Gross was born on September 30, 1919 in Lastrup, MN to the late Stephen and Anna (Virnig) Gross.

Lloyd married Laura Pacholl in El Paso, Texas on July 7, 1945 while he was stationed in El Paso recuperating from wounds received during WWII. Lloyd was awarded the Purple Heart. His military experience taught him to look at issues from a global perspective and he was a firm believer in the power of effective communication to engender peace. He loved to hunt and fish in his younger years and especially enjoyed the "men's club" at Grandview Estates in Sartell in his twilight years. Lloyd stayed active in the community and his church. His favorite statement, "a person who isn't a friend is someone you haven't met yet" was a testament to his outgoing personality.

Lloyd was a member of the Pierz American Legion #341 and the Little Falls V.F.W. #1112 and the D.A.V.

The family would like to thank all the people who enriched his life. A special thanks goes to the Veteran's home who made his life so comfortable in his last years and Grandview Estates for their generous sharing of their facilities for Lloyd and his family.

Lloyd is survived by his 5 children: Gordon (Lilliana), Floyd "Buzz" (Susan Lamberty), Kathleen (Randy Haugen), Sandra (Reuben Kelzenberg), Harvey (Jane Marshik), 12 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and his sister Rosemary.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife Laura.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lloyd J Gross*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *My grandfather was always a gentleman, and always made us laugh. I will always remember the "to the dump" song, along with "bayo bayo". I love you grampa.*
Carrie Foundation

Carrie Foundation - November 01, 2014 at 10:54 PM



“ *Lloyd was a humble hero from WW2. He led his machine gun squad with bravery and confidence. With reasons to be bitter and hate the enemy and under risk of his own life he comforted a dying German soldier in a foxhole behind enemy lines near Opheusden in the Netherlands. The two enemies no longer were such and they prayed together. It was a great pleasure to get to know Lloyd. Kevin Brooks Author of Glider Infantryman Behind Enemy Lines in WW2.*

Kevin Brooks - October 30, 2014 at 08:10 PM

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“ I was fortunate enough to have lunch with Great Uncle Lloyd and his daughter a few months ago at the local Applebee's in St. Cloud. It was such a treat spending that time with him and seeing him enjoy getting out on the town! He, of course, was such a gentleman and insisted to pay for my meal. I will always remember his kind, sweet words, witty personality and that Lloyd knew how to make me laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with all friends and family!

- Rebecca Gross, daughter of David and Jenny Gross,
granddaughter of Don and Betty Gross

Rebecca Gross - October 28, 2014 at 11:17 AM