



Merlin Thurk

June 29, 1935 - April 22, 2021

Merlin Thurk age 85 of Hillman, MN passed away peacefully on April 22, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Susie; sister, Virginia Olson; brother, Bill Thurk; brothers-in-law, Ole Veaasen and Oscar Olson. Merlin is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, June; daughters, Jennifer Thurk, Sandy (John) Bauer; grandsons, Hunter Morberg, Max & Will Bauer; sister, Marian Veaasen and many friends and family.

Merlin graduated from Mound High School in 1953 and worked in the molded rubber manufacturing business in the Twin Cities for 30 years. He “retired” and worked for Dundee Nursery for 10 years. He owned various properties in Hillman, MN since the 1950s, settling there in 2003. He met June Nelson in 1965 at work and they married in 1966. Merlin and June loved to travel, they took cruises to the Panama Canal and Alaska and traveled to Hawaii as well. He loved to do woodworking, never met a tomato he didn’t want to grow, and made the best lefse and bread around. Merlin will be missed for his volunteer work and contributions to the community. Private services will be held.

Arrangements made by Shelley Funeral Chapel, Onamia, MN. Memorials preferred to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Merlin Thurk*

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