



## Willard J. Houle

October 25, 1927 - November 6, 2009

Willard J. Houle was born October 25, 1927 in Little Falls, MN to the late Jake & Edna 'Bastien' Houle. He grew up in Ripley Township, Morrison County and attended District #42 country school. After completing his schooling, Willard worked on the family farm and then purchased the farm in 1943, when he was 16 years old. He was united in marriage to Joanne B. Nelson on October 22, 1946 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Brainerd, MN. The couple dairy farmed in Ripley Township for many years, eventually selling the cows and raising beef cattle. Willard also worked at Tri-City Paving & Ready Mix as a supervisor, over seeing a road construction crew from 1962 until retiring in 1989. Willard and Joanne have been the third generation to live on the family farm, making it one of the few century farms in Morrison County. He enjoyed wintering in Arizona, deer hunting and watching NBA basketball games. Willard was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Belle Prairie, Little Falls Knights of Columbus and served on the Crow Wing Power Board of Directors for over 20 years.

Willard J. Houle is survived by his wife, Joanne; sons, Garey Houle of Little Falls, MN; Robert 'Pam' Houle of Little Falls, MN and Lance 'Patti' Houle of Little Falls, MN; daughter, Cheryl 'Mike' Pietrowski of Little Falls, MN; brother, Jack 'Mabel' Houle of Little Falls, MN; sister, DeEtta Gilson of Little Falls, MN; 10 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Willard was preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Richard Houle; sister, Donna Nelson and a grandson, Tim Houle,



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

NOV 9. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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## Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church - Belle Prairie  
18777 Riverwood Drive  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willard J. Houle*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM