



William "Bill" Gablenz

June 18, 1923 - October 31, 2017

William "Bill" Gablenz, 94 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, formerly of Rice and Royalton, MN, passed away on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at Quiet Oaks Hospice in St. Cloud, MN. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Graham United Methodist Church in Rice, MN with Pastor Rick Koehn officiating. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery in Little Falls. Visitation will be from 5 PM to 8 PM on Friday at Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, and from 10 AM to 11 AM Saturday at the church.

William Cedric Gablenz was born on June 18, 1923 at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN to the late William Wesley and Eulalia (Skoog) Gablenz. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from Little Falls High School in 1941. He married Phyllis Frost of Pine Island, MN on June 27, 1953. They farmed north of Little Falls until 1968 when they moved and farmed northeast of Rice, MN until 1982. They also were partners in the United Farm Agency in Little Falls from 1968-1973. Upon retirement, they lived along the Mississippi River near Royalton and in Little Falls.

Bill enjoyed traveling, lifelong learning and was very supportive of 4-H and FFA. Bill loved his family and friends. He hosted several family reunions and reunions of his rural youth group. He enjoyed local history and wrote some articles about Little Falls & Morrison County for the Morrison County Record.

Bill is survived by his children, Gary Gablenz of St. Paul, MN, Kathleen (Raymond) Henderson of Longmont, CO, and Gordon (Jill) Gablenz of Clear Lake, MN; sister, Milly (David) Smart of Orinda, CA; grandchildren, Shane (Becky) Gablenz of Maplewood, MN, Stacia (John Jones IV) Henderson-Jones of Frederick, CO, Ryan Henderson of Napaskiak, AK, Katelyn (Robert) Morris of Frederick, CO, Neil Gablenz of Iowa City, IA, Erik Gablenz of Clear Lake, MN; great-grandson Ryder Jones of Frederick, CO; brother-in-law Roger Temanson of Stewartville, MN and sisters-in-law Marilyn Frost of Pine Island, MN and Patricia Dutcher of Tenstrike, MN; and many nieces, and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis; his parents; sister Ina Nelson; daughter-in-law, Shawn Gablenz; sister-in-law, Shirley Temanson and brothers-in-law, Warren Nelson, Harold Frost and David Frost.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

14820 138TH ST
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Graham United Methodist
2255 135th Street NE
Rice, MN 56367
(320) 393-2145

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Gablenz*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 07, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ *William "Bill" Gablenz*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



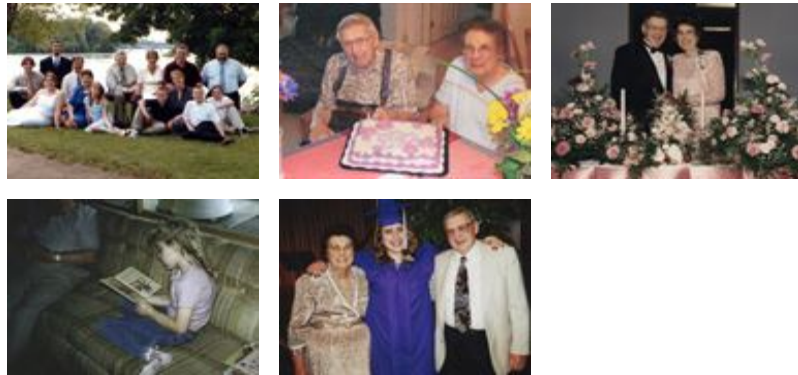
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Gablenz.*



November 09, 2017 at 07:28 PM



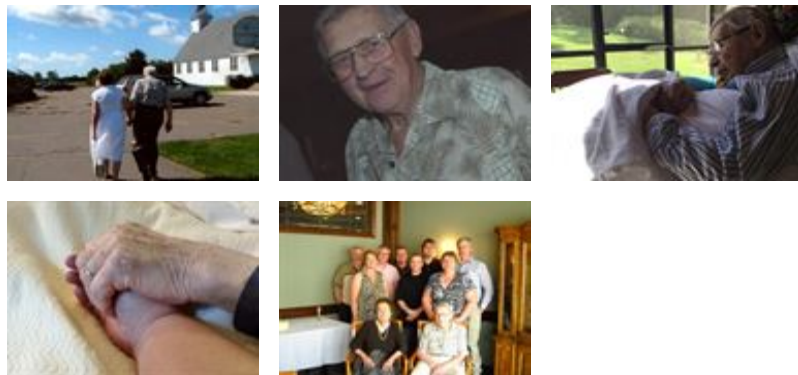
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Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 08, 2017 at 12:13 PM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 07, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ *Brenda Levinski lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Gablenz*



Brenda Levinski - November 06, 2017 at 03:51 PM

BL

Gary, Kathy and Gordon ~ Thank you for sharing your dad with me. He will always hold a very special place in my heart. I know he is happy to be holding hands with your mom and eating ice cream with her as he rests comfortably in the arms of the angels.

Love, hugs and prayers always, Brenda (Sufka) Levinski

Brenda Levinski - November 06, 2017 at 03:55 PM

PN

“ *Pamela Nelson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Gablenz*



Pamela Nelson - November 05, 2017 at 10:12 PM

 Tonia Marie

“ *We love and miss you very much. Thank you for everything.*



Tonia Marie - November 05, 2017 at 06:50 PM

RD

“ *RMC Human Resources Dept. & Employee Health Dept. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William "Bill" Gablenz.*



RMC Human Resources Dept. & Employee Health Dept. -
November 03, 2017 at 10:20 AM

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“ I remember when Bill and Phyllis moved to the Rice area, on a farm whose land directly connected to ours. They became good friends of my parents (Bob and Irma Gates) and active members at Graham United Methodist Church. I have fond memories of each of their children's weddings. Something I really appreciated about Bill was his support of young families. He encouraged us to become involved in our community and church family. Phyllis was so sweet and I learned how to make grape juice from her. They were both wonderful, happy, god-loving people.
Evalie Nemeth

Evalie Nemeth - November 02, 2017 at 11:59 AM

DB

“ Dear Gary, Kathy and Gordy - I am so sorry for your loss. Your parents stopped by to greet me when I first started at the Chamber of Commerce in Little Falls. It was a very nice thing for them to do!
Deb Boelz

Deb Boelz - November 02, 2017 at 11:26 AM

 Judi
Kosbau

“ Judi Kosbau lit a candle in memory of William
"Bill" Gablenz



Judi Kosbau - November 01, 2017 at 11:44 PM