



Arlin Rops

September 12, 1943 - October 7, 2021

Arlin Eugene Rops, 78, of Lennox, SD died October 7, 2021 at the Dougherty Hospice House in Sioux Falls, SD following a brief illness.

Arlin was born in Hurley, SD on September 12, 1943 to John E. and Anna (Viotor) Rops. He was baptized and then later became a member of Turner County First Presbyterian Church, Davis, SD.

He attended Viotor Rural School and graduated from Lennox High School in 1961 where he was active in sports, 4-H and FFA. Following graduation, Arlin enlisted in the United States Army and completed basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The remainder of his military service was spent at Schofield Barracks Army Base in Oahu, HI., with an assignment in Vietnam at the end of his military career. He returned to Lennox and began farming with his father. They milked cows and planted and harvested oats, corn, soybeans and alfalfa. He attended advanced agricultural classes under the GI Bill.

On October 8, 1967, Arlin was united in marriage to Judy Jibben, at Turner County First Presbyterian Church and took over the family farm four miles south of Lennox. They were blessed with three sons - Steve, Tom and Ben - whose involvement in sports, 4-H, and FFA kept them busy. Arlin conducted judging schools on the farm and served on the County 4-H Board. He never missed basketball or baseball games and often talked about the many miles he had driven to attend games throughout the boys' elementary, high school and college years. He was an active volunteer with American Legion Baseball and could often be seen maintaining the fields during tournaments.

Arlin loved kids and one of his greatest joys was watching his grandchildren participating in their various activities. He could fix things and in his spare time enjoyed fishing, woodworking and coffee time with friends. Arlin loved his community and his church. He served on the Grant Township Board and South Lincoln Rural Water Board and Pork Producers Council. He served as a Trustee and Deacon at Turner County and later First Presbyterian in Sioux Falls.

Arlin was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna Rops, and his in-laws, Harold and Doris Jibben. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Judy; three children, Steven (Heidi), of Ruthton, MN, Thomas, of Luverne, MN, and Benjamin of Sioux Falls, SD; six grandchildren, Justin, Charles, William, Trenton, Jayson, and Maria; siblings, Elda Gall, Ocean, New Jersey, and Charlene (Jeff) Haan, Davis, SD; brother and sister in-law, James (Jane) Jibben of rural Lennox and sister Carol (James) Heim, Spooner, WI,; plus, numerous nieces and nephews other relatives, and a host of friends.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 11 at First Presbyterian Church, 2300 S West Ave, Sioux Falls and streamed via fpcsiouxfalls.org. Visitation, with the family present, will be 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox. Memorials may directed to the Lennox American Legion Baseball Assn. or First Presbyterian Church. Masts are encouraged.

Tribute Wall

GW

“ We send our sympathy to your family. Gayle enjoyed Arlin as a good friend through high school and in the years after. He was a great guy and will dearly be missed.

Gayle & Glenda Wilts - October 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Elda, I am so sorry about your brother’s passing. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.
Ann Marie

Ann Marie Gomes - October 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Terry Steever - October 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ My. Greatest sympathy on the passing of Arlin . Such a wonderful man who raised an outstanding family. May God Bless you all

Brian R Lind - October 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ My Sympathies to family

Keith Schneiderman - October 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Judy, so sad to hear this. I have many great memories of Arlin. Some should never be repeated....

Gene Viotor - October 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Our Condolences to Judy and the family. Thinking of you at this time.*

Terri Peterson-Henry - October 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Farming and ranching are sacred professions and we thank Arlin and the other Rops family for helping feed the world. Blessings all the family as they grief the loss of someone so special in your lives.*



Judy Mulock - October 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Dear Rops Family,*

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Although, I had met Arlin only a few times, I know through Elda, that you are a loving family. May God bless you and keep you close to Him.

With sympathy,

Janis and Peter Giordano



Peter and Janis Giordano - October 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Although it has been many many years since I first met Arlin - I will always remember his engaging smile and warmth. My heart and prayers are with all the family members at this time. Special condolences to my "sister" Elda, and nieces Lacy and Lindsey.

Love , Barbara Case & Family

Barbara Case - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM



MS

“ Our deepest sympathy Judy to you and your family

Merle & Janice Albert's Spoelstra - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Oh Judy. May our Jesus bless and keep you! May his blessed face shine upon you and bring you peace as you venture into the future. Hold on to your memories and talk of the good and the bad with your children. Peace. Eleanor

Eleanor Harle - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM



BT

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you!

Bruce Thalhuber - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Judy I am so, so sorry. Words fail me, but please know you and your family are in my heart and prayers during this time of sorrow and I will lift you up to God for comfort and peace.
Love from your roomie,
Louise Van Poll



Louise Van Poll - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Judy and family,
I am so sorry to read of your loss. I hope your many happy memories bring you comfort at this sad time.
With sympathy and love,
Gayle Nelson

Gayle Nelson - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Judy and family - I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. May many wonderful memories help to ease the pain of your loss, and eventually bring you peace. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.



Lynnette Olson - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of Arlin. May the Lord comfort all his family and loved ones. I pray that the Lord will wrap His loving arms around all who will miss him and hold you close. May His comfort sustain you and lift your spirits with the certain hope of the resurrection in Christ our Lord.

Sarah Hagena - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Hi Judy,
We are sorry to hear of Arlin's passing. Please know that you are in our prayers throughout this time of grief.
When we were at First Presbyterian we enjoyed our time with both you and Arlin.
God's blessings today and always!
Pastor Mark & CoCo Gronseth

Mark Gronseth - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Sending thought of sympathy to the family and many friends who were blessed to have had Arlin in their lives. He will be greatly missed.

Jeanette BusemanHigbe - October 07, 2021 at 12:00 AM