



## Gerald Gene Debing

April 21, 1932 - February 7, 2019

Gerald Gene Debing, 86, of Bloomington, MN passed away Thursday, February 7, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family and dog, Freddie.

Jerry was born on April 21, 1932 in Hunter, ND to Roy and Regina (Siegert) Debing. The family later moved to Page where Jerry completed grade school and graduated from high school. Besides going to school, Jerry spent a great deal of time walking the railroad tracks just outside of town developing his love of hunting, often times shooting a few pheasant for dinner before heading to school. Jerry also spent significant time sharpening his pool hall skills, learning how to drive exceptionally fast on dirt roads all over eastern North Dakota, tormenting his younger brothers and sister, and generally participating in most of the mischief occurring at any one time in Page.

Upon graduation, Jerry passed through the big city of Minneapolis, making friends and sampling the life of a real city before travelling south to attend, as he was told at a young age that he would, St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN where he majored in music. Jerry was an accomplished trumpet player and enjoyed seeing many of the big band musicians in Minneapolis. It was at one of his many trips to Minneapolis that Jerry met the love of his life, Cleona. After graduating from St. Olaf, Jerry entered the Army where he served his country with pride and honor in the infantry, serving in South Korea.

After being discharged from the Army, Jerry married Cleona Haman, and they settled in Northeast Minneapolis. It was at this time that Jerry discovered his management skills with National Tea grocery markets, holding various department positions until managing his own store. Within a few years, Jerry saw an opportunity with a new, fast growing supermarket chain, Country Club Markets. Jerry worked for Country Club for the next three decades making many lifelong friends. After Country Club, Jerry used his grocery expertise and gift of gab in sales until his retirement at age 80.

Jerry's favorite diversion from work was the cabin. Jerry and Cleona purchased a cabin on Lawrence Lake in 1974 and it was there that he seemed to enjoy himself the most. Fishing, hunting, boating, cutting the grass on his John Deere, playing cards, visiting friends at Deer Haven, and having an ever growing family visit was a slice of heaven for Jerry.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 62 years, Cleona; sons Darcy (Mary) and Darren, and daughter Dana; grandchildren Anthony Debing (Amanda), Adam Debing (Stephanie), Tom Mock, Trent Mock and Brittanie Debing, 8 great-grandchildren, brother Doug Debing (Jane) along with many nieces and nephews. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, brother and sister in-law Larry and Betty Debing and sister Marlys Olson.

Memorial service Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 2pm with visitation one hour prior at Washburn-McReavy Werness Brothers Chapel, 2300 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel  
2300 W Old Shakopee Rd  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
(952) 884-8145  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Memorial Service

FEB 14. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Gene Debing.*



February 13, 2019 at 09:53 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Gerald Gene Debing.*



February 12, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerald Gene Debing.*



February 12, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ *Love, Chris, Janelle, Finn, Maya Bays & Dan Huss purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerald Gene Debing.*



**Love, Chris, Janelle, Finn, Maya Bays & Dan Huss** - February 11, 2019 at 09:42 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Gerald Gene Debing.* ”



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February 11, 2019 at 05:38 PM