



Gerald Gilbert Kothrade

January 7, 1942 - October 18, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Gerald G. Kothrade, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, on October 18, 2024, at the age of 82. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on January 7, 1942, in Minneapolis, MN, to Gilbert and Geneva Kothrade, Gerald was known for his adventurous spirit and gift for storytelling. His tales, filled with humor and wisdom, captured the hearts of many. Fiercely independent and deeply loving, Gerald embraced life's challenges and joys.

He spent his childhood in North Minneapolis, at the family farm in Corcoran, and the cabin on Mille Lacs Lake. His early experiences shaped his love for adventure and nature. Gerald's work ethic began young-his first job at 12 was delivering newspapers. He later became a skilled sheet metal tradesman. Two years after starting his position with Northern States Power Company (NSP), he volunteered to join the Navy (1966) where he spent 4 and a half years. He returned from the Military and began working again for NSP to complete a total of 36 and a half years, retiring as a "Street Lighter" (electrician).

During his later years he loved hunting, doing projects, traveling the country, and spending time with his family and friends. He became more open, and even more loving as the years passed. We all shared many memories, jokes

and even pranks. He had a deep impact on his family and the wisdom he shared will not be lost.

Gerald is survived by his wife Lorraine, his children Kari (Joseph) [first marriage], Mandy (Dustin), and Michael (Patricia) [second marriage], seven grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren. His legacy lives on in the countless stories he shared, the laughter he sparked, and the sense of adventure he passed down.

A celebration of Gerald's life will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Princeton, MN on Friday, November 1st, 2024, visitation starts at 9:30 am, followed by church service at 11 am, with military honors after and a luncheon to follow. Gerald's burial will be held the following day, Saturday, Nov 2nd, 2024, at 1pm located at Crystal Lake Cemetery in North Minneapolis.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran (Princeton)
401 8th Ave S
Princeton, MN 55371

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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401 8th Ave S
Princeton, MN 55371

Graveside Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Crystal Lake Cemetery
3816 Penn Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Tribute Wall



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Gilbert Kothrade.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Gilbert Kothrade.

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