

The Life of Harvey Flihs, Sr.



Harvey Flihs, Sr., 92, of Groton fell asleep on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen. Private family services were held.

Harvey Richard Flihs was born on June 30, 1924 at home near Athens, Wisconsin to Richard and Bertha (Rose) Flihs. He was baptized at home on the date of his birth and confirmed at the Christ Evangelical Church at Athens, Wisconsin. Harvey attended school through 8th grade in the Wisconsin Public School system of Marathon County. He was a WWII Army veteran and served from January 13, 1944 through March 2, 1946 as a truck driver and interpreter. In 1947, he started farming in the Groton area and continued until his death. On September 27, 1947 he was united in marriage to Bernice Arlene Schmidt at the First English Lutheran Church in Groton. They later became members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Together, Harvey and Bernice celebrated 65 years of marriage before her passing in October of 2012.

Celebrating his life are his children, Judy Feser; Joan (Jerry) Johnson; Harvey (Sue) Flihs, II, all of Groton, grandchildren: Aaron (Chasity) Feser, Heather Feser, Carrie (Chuck) Cole, Adam (Amanda) Feser, Jerry Ray (Becky) Johnson, Lyndsey Flihs and Trey (Becah) Flihs. Harvey is also survived by 11 great-grandchildren, his brother, Richard (Judy) Flihs of Groton, a sister, Doris (Carlmon) Briggs of Tucson, Arizona, his half-siblings, Duane (Rhonda) Flihs of Groton, Diane Hickenbotham of Aberdeen, Dale (Claire) Flihs of Groton, Sharon (Mike) Dell of Rapid City and a sister-in-law, Mary Flihs of Groton.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, and infant sister, Irene, two sisters, Betty Ann Flihs and Arvilla Goss and his son-in-law, Richard Feser and his half-brother, Darrel Flihs.