

Gerald Holdhusen

Gerald B. Holdhusen, 74, Aberdeen, died Friday, April 26, 2002 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday April 29, 2002 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Aberdeen with the Rev. Allan Schoonover officiating. Miller-Huebl Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Gerald B. Holdhusen was born November 28, 1927 at Columbia, SD to Frank H. and Orpha (Hoover) Holdhusen. He was raised and attended school in Houghton and graduated from Aberdeen Central High School in 1945. He entered the U.S. Navy in June 1945 and received his honorable discharge in 1947. He went to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He married Evelyn Weismantel on June 21, 1948 at Columbia and they moved to Lincoln where he continued his education. Gerald received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business. They moved back to Aberdeen where he was employed by International Harvester for several years. He worked in agri-sales until he purchased Midland Steel Builders in 1965 and sold farm steel products and Haybuster stackers and grinders. He sold the business several years later and remained active in agribusiness.

Gerald was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. He was a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, fishing and being with his family.

Survivors include his wife Evelyn of Aberdeen, two sons: Dan (Joannie) Holdhusen, Sioux Falls; Doug Holdhusen, Culver City, Iowa; two daughters: Christine (Reed) Sanderson, Chamberlain; Kathryn (Alan) Wicks, Sioux City Iowa; two sisters: Jean Nelson, Brookings; Pat Arhelger, San Antonio Texas; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons and one brother.

Casket bearers will be grandchildren Ryan Holdhusen, Brad Holdhusen, Erin Sanderson Humphrey, Kasha Sanderson, David Wicks, TJay Sanderson, Nathan Wicks and Anna Wicks.

The family prefers memorials to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1620 Milwaukee Ave NE, Aberdeen SD 57401.