



LaVerle D. Kesting

December 3, 1927 - April 3, 2017

PIERCE -- Funeral service for Mr. LaVerle D. Kesting, 89, of Pierce will be held at 10:30 am, Friday, April 7, 2017 at the St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Pierce with Rev. Lucas Miller officiating. Interment will be in the Parish Cemetery, Pierce. Visitation will be 4-7:00 p.m., Thursday, Apr. 6, at Stonacek Memorial Chapel, Pierce. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Tomek-Otto Post 72 of Pierce and the United States Army Honors Guard.

LaVerle passed away Monday, April 3, 2017 at the Heritage of Bel Air Nursing Home in Norfolk.

Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements.

The son of Gustav and Esther (Nitz) Kesting was born Dec. 3, 1927, on the family farm in rural Pierce. He was baptized on Jan. 8, 1928, at confirmed on May 19, 1940, both at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pierce. He attended rural district grade school in Pierce to the eighth grade and graduated from Pierce High School in 1945. After high school, LaVerle worked as a hired hand for Ernest Fuhrman for a couple years.

He married Florence A. Wessel on Dec. 1, 1950, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Norfolk. After marriage, LaVerle served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from March 27, 1951, to March 3, 1953. During his service, LaVerle was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he built roads and did road construction.

After his service, LaVerle returned home to Pierce to be with his spouse,

Florence. They lived on the family farm northeast of Pierce. They farmed along with raising and milking their dairy cattle until the late 1980s. Once LaVerle retired in 1992, they moved into Pierce.

LaVerle enjoyed playing cards and dances with his spouse, Florence, who passed away on Dec. 22, 2014.

He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Pierce, where he was a former trustee, secretary and treasurer, and also served various other boards. He also was a member of the Pierce American Legion, fellowship club and community card club.

Survivors include two sons, Larry and spouse Peggy Kesting of Pierce and Loren Kesting of Stuttgart, Germany; a daughter-in-law, Darla Kesting of O'Fallon, Ill.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Julene and spouse Dallas Halsey of San Leandro, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his spouse, Florence Kesting; his parents, Gustav and Esther; two daughters, Janet Kesting and Barbara Thieben; a brother, Verlon Kesting; and a great-grandson, Walter Kesting.

Organist will be Jean Zautke. Casketbearers will be Jeff Kesting, Brian Kesting, Chris Kesting, Kyle Kesting, Harold Lee Kesting and Roger Kesting.

Honorary casketbearers will be Jim Maas, Bill Buss and Arnold Lienemann.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Johns Lutheran Church - Rural Pierce

Rural Pierce, NE 68767

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Memorial Chapel - Pierce
403 West Main Street
Pierce, NE 68767
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stonacekmemorialchapel@hotmail.com
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

Service

APR 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Johns Lutheran Church - Rural Pierce
Rural Pierce, NE 68767

Tribute Wall



“ *LaVerle D. Kesting*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *When we came for a family visit year's ago, Sophia was just learning to walk; I think she still was wearing her leg braces. We were at Larry and Peg's farm when she, never being shy, approached Uncle LaVerle, took his hand and they walked all around the front property. It was such a kindness he showed. He will be missed,*
Bob

Bob Halsey - April 06, 2017 at 02:45 PM