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JEROLD ENGEN

Jerold "Jerry" Grant Engen, 77, of Hixton, died Friday, June 5, 2015, after a brief hospital stay in Black River Falls.

Jerry, the son of Oliver and Juliet (Neperud) Engen, was born May 1, 1938 on the family farm in rural Pigeon Falls. He loved to tell how he met the love of his life, Sharon Blencoe, in the ninth grade at Hixton High School. Her mother said she could not date until she was 14 so he waited patiently, saved his money, and on Halloween, 1952, borrowed his brother Vern's car and took Sharon (and her best friend, Judy) to the midnight show in Whitehall.

Jerry and Sharon were married on November 24, 1956. They lived in Milwaukee for a year before returning to the York area where he owned and operated a canned milk route, delivering to York Creamery. Jerry worked briefly with Gunderson Chevrolet in Osseo before doing construction work on the Interstate. In 1968 the family moved to Janesville, where Jerry worked as a mechanic for 31 years at the Janesville Auto Transport Company (JATCO). He and Sharon returned to Sechlerville (Hixton) after his retirement in 1999.

Jerry enjoyed camping and fishing with his family and traveling with Sharon on their Goldwing motorcycle. After retirement he spent winters in Arizona, dancing with Sharon to old-time music, reading western novels, and Jeeping in the desert with the other "snow birds."

Jerry is survived by his wife Sharon; three children, Randy (Teri) Engen of Fredonia, Rodney (Mindy) Engen of Fayetteville, AR and Roslyn (David) Thomas of Cross Plains; four grandchildren, Kimberley, Brian, Josie and Cora; a great granddaughter, Amelia; one brother, Vernon (Betty) Engen of Eleva; two sisters, Gloria (Rich) DeMar of Anoka, MN and Darlene Powers of York. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Juliet, one brother, Larry, and an infant sister.

Memorial services for Jerry will be 1:00 PM, Thursday, June 11, 2015 at New Hope Community Lutheran Church with Rev. David Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Pigeon Falls.

Friends may call from 11:00 AM until the time of services at the church on Thursday.

Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home in Hixton is assisting the family.

