



## *Lyle R. Jessie*

1919 - 2016



Lyle R. Jessie of rural Northfield entered into eternal rest surrounded by his loving wife and family on Monday, February 22, 2016. He is survived by his wife of seventy years, Mavis (Jarstad) and six children. Robert(Sharmian)Jessie of Janesville, WI; Mary(Virgil)Olson of Cadott, WI; Brenda(Michael)Olson of Hixton, WI; Roxanne Jessie and Peter Jessie both of rural Northfield, and his youngest son Matthew Jessie who after purchasing the home place resides there.

In addition to his wife and children, Lyle is also survived by nineteen grandchildren, forty two great grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren along with many other relatives, including five great-great-grand babies yet to be born!

His is proceeded in death by his parents Charlie and Shirley Jessie, four sisters; Beatrice Jessie, Carol Kottke, Doris Brown, and Ruth Bolt. Also preceding him in death is one grand-daughter Sarah Beth Jessie, a great granddaughter, Grace Mary Olson, two nephews; Kenny Brown and Brian Bolt, and one niece, Gloria Kottke.

Lyle, the only son of Shirley and Charlie Jessie was born on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1919 in Curran Valley, Taylor, WI. He attended school through sixth grade, and then was needed at home to help with farming. He was deferred from military service for three years due to his working on the family farm.

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1944, he was called up to military service and enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he received his basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois. He was deployed to the Aircraft Carrier USS Cowpens, also known as "The Mighty Moo", where he served in the Asiatic-Pacific Area during WWII. His two most memorable experiences while serving his country were; being aboard the first aircraft carrier to enter Tokyo Bay and seeing the large white flags on the hills around the Bay, indicating the Japanese surrender. Secondly, being within a few hundred feet of the Battleship USS Missouri, during the singing of the peace treaty.

It was during furlough, that Lyle and the love of his life Mavis were united in marriage in a small family ceremony at the Northfield Lutheran church on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1945.

After being awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal and American Theatre Service Ribbon, Lyle was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1946.

Lyle returned to farming after coming home from the service and in 1956 purchased the current family home place where he and Mavis raised their six children. This hobby farm gave him the opportunity to

raise some chickens, pigs, a few cows and of course a large garden! It was this place that truly meant home to him. Whatever life threw at him, it was here at this family home that he found comfort, retreat, and solace.

Over the years Lyle worked at the Mattson Feed Mill in Northfield, WI along with plowing snow for the Town of Northfield. He also worked at the Muffler Plant in Black River Falls, WI and during his remaining years of employment, held a position at Fort McCoy, WI as a motor pool mail carrier where he retired in 1981.

Lyle enjoyed gardening, auctions, and dancing to old time music. He and his wife Mavis were excellent dancers. Lyle also had a great, God given talent for fishing! Whether it was on the lake, the local trout stream, or the ice hole, he always came home with a good catch. He could out fish most anyone, and shared his love and knowledge of fishing with his sons, grandsons, and son-in-law! He also greatly enjoyed sitting down to a good meal to which his wife Mavis used her talent as a wonderful, country cook to provide for him and their family!

In later years, Lyle enjoyed many hours listening to the Christian Radio Station VCY America. Vic Eliason, the owner and originator of this radio ministry was one of Lyle's true Christian heroes! Lyle was also instrumental in working with a small group of committed Christians in raising up New Hope Community Lutheran Church. Lyle attended church faithfully until becoming home bound. He then spent Sunday mornings, at home in his recliner, listening to a Worship Service either on the TV or radio.

Lyle was also a member of the Northfield American Legion for over 50 years.

As a devoted husband, dad, grandpa, great grandpa and great-great grandpa, Lyle always looked for ways to help his family out the best he could, and never missed an opportunity to give advice on how to make something work, get it running, or just tinkering with ways to make the job go more smoothly.

He enjoyed life's simple pleasures and often times you could hear him whistling as he worked around his home.

He will be forever missed by his entire family and for those who knew him, remembered as a man who spoke his mind with always the best intentions and gave enormously from the heart!!

The family has requested that Memorials be given to:

VCY America Christian Radio  
3434 W Kilbourn Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53208