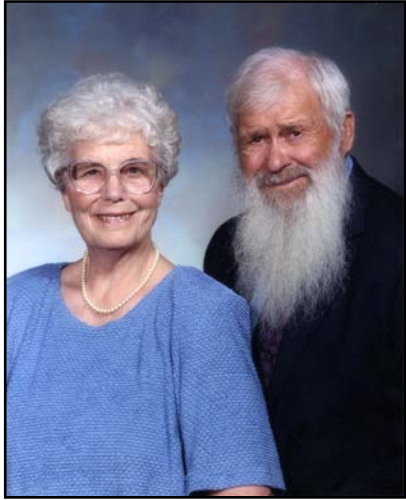


Lawrence was born on September 21, 1919, a son of Frank and Marie (Hoffman) Drabus in Enderlin, ND. He was raised and educated in Kenmare through the 9th grade. He was later awarded a high school diploma from ND State Legislature on March 31, 2002. Following school he worked for the Soo Line Railroad. He entered the US Army in 1941 and served during World War II in the 164th Infantry. He was honorably discharged in 1945, receiving the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal.



Lawrence married Twila Anderson on August 5, 1950, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, rural Coulee. They made their home in Kenmare, where in 1950 he became an engineer for the Soo Line Railroad, retiring in 1985. He also farmed, west of Kenmare. Twila died July 11, 2008.

Lawrence played the part of Santa Claus for 23 years in Kenmare. He loved to hunt and fish. After retirement, he started to cut trees down for firewood to heat their home. Lawrence stated "the hotter it is outside, the better to work in" He was a

jokester and loved life. He was a great husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be deeply missed.

Lawrence enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will always be remembered for the whisker rubs he would give them. Lawrence would often times take the dogs out along Gertie's Grove. He would walk outside and enjoy the outdoors and the dogs would run.

Lawrence was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Kenmare.

Those Who Shared His Life:

Daughter and son-in-law: Elaine and Arlen Gartner, Kenmare; grandchildren, Chad Gartner (Natosha Benson), Melissa (Clint) Voltz and Kristen (Fred) Boger; great-grandchildren: Makayla Gartner, Carsen Gartner and Lille Boger. One step-great grandson Michael Boger. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, wife of 57 years Twila, a daughter Julie Drabus, twin brother Leonard and sisters Lorraine Drabus and Eileen Riske.

In Loving Memory Of Lawrence Drabus 1919-2009

