



## Arthur "Art" R. Durene

March 14, 1932 - December 25, 2020

Arthur R. Durene, 88 year old, long-time resident of Holdingford, MN, fulfilled his appointment in Heaven on Christmas Day, December 25th, 2020 at his home near Mahtowa, MN. Due to Covid restrictions, there will be a private memorial service for immediate family only.

Arthur was born March 14, 1932 to Rune and Menda Durene near Round Prairie, MN. He married Marvis (Gunion) on September 10, 1955. Art served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was known for his craftsmanship and was called "The Man Who Can Build Anything". He was a part of starting D.C.I in Holdingford (now in St. Cloud) then was owner/operator of Durene Heating and Cooling for more than 40 years.

Art enjoyed collecting and restoring antique tractors, making maple syrup, building things in his shop, and spending time with friends and family.

Art loved to joke around and tease his grand and great-grandkids. He was a strong man of God whose life radiated integrity and honesty. He will be greatly missed by his family and the many people he touched throughout his life.

Art is survived by his wife, Marvis; daughter, Nancy (Bob Grawey); sons, Mark (Janie) Durene, Mike (Belinda) Durene, Verlyn Durene, and Larry (Lisa) Durene. He is also survived by 11 grandkids and 19 great-grandkids; sisters, Marilyn Lent and Sally Gunion.

# Cemetery

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## **Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery**

15550 Highway 115

Little Falls, MN,

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Shelley Funeral Chapel** - January 05 at 02:59 PM

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“ I will always cherish the day spent with Art and Marvis at Maple Syrup making time. What a wonderful memory of spending a day with them as they gathered and cooked the syrup. Marvis and Art could do anything they set their minds to do. God bless them both and it is with great sadness that Art has been taken from us.  
Iris Westerberg

**Iris Westerberg** - January 07 at 01:19 PM

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“ 75 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Shelley Funeral Chapel** - January 05 at 02:48 PM

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“ Marvis,  
Roman and Apples Wentland family wish to share your deepest sympathy with you and your family. I know Apples could never get your name correct and always called you Marles. I still chuckle when I remember You telling me finally you just let her say Marles. (-).

All of Apples and Roman's kids remember ART fondly He was part of the extended family as we grew up in Holdingford. Many times he was over to help our parents get things running. I know Marvis was over may times getting cakes etc. from Apples

I also used him and his knowledge to help me through difficulties I had. His advise and direction was always appreciated. Art always wanted to teach me something before I left the shop each time.

For the Wentland Family: Arnold, Dennis, Laurice, Gerard, Charlotte  
Sincerely;  
Dennis.

**Marcia Wentland** - January 04 at 05:25 PM

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“ We are sorry for you loss.  
Tom Peterman  
Jerry Peterman  
Theresa Peterman  
Kevin Wollum



**THERESA PETERMAN** - January 04 at 04:04 PM

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“ I had the wonderful opportunity to spend many hours with Art at church and in church board meetings. He was always a quiet man but had great insight and when he did speak he had something to say. He was a man after Gods heart and was one of the most faithful men I've known in helping out at the church. He was also a great friend to my dad (Bud Norwood) and we all had some great times snowmobiling and fishing up North. The entire Durene family are very special to me and I cherish the times I have been able to spend with them. I was fortunate to marry his niece (Debbie Gunion) and feel like part of their family. Art will be missed greatly for many reasons but I know we will see him again. God has made a special place for him and we will get to join in not too long. My heart goes out to Marvis and the family at this time and we will be holding you up in our prayers for comfort, peace and strength.

**Arlen Norwood** - December 30, 2020 at 11:08 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Arthur "Art" R. Durene.



December 29, 2020 at 04:49 PM

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“ Art & Marvis and their family are like extended family to me. My sisters and I always referred to them as Uncle Art & Auntie Marvis. I will always remember Art's quiet, gentle, loving demeanor and the twinkle in his eyes when he smiled. My heart is sad but I know he was greeted in Heaven with the words of Matthew 25:23 "His Lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of the Lord.'" I take great comfort in knowing we will meet again one day, as will all who put their trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am praying for Marvis and all of Art's family and friends. Much love and peace be with you.

**Karen (Warzecha) Volinkaty** - December 29, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Larry Durene - December 28, 2020 at 11:17 PM



“ What a great picture! I am so very sorry for your loss Larry.

Michelle Booth - December 29, 2020 at 12:35 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arthur "Art" R. Durene.



December 28, 2020 at 06:45 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arthur "Art" R. Durene.



December 28, 2020 at 03:22 PM

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“ How do you pick just one ... my parents and brothers lived next to Art and Marvis for many years. We would often be found over at their house after our walk through the woods, eating macaroni and cheese and cookies. Never once did we not feel welcomed. Art and Marvis are both amazing kind hearted people and Art will definitely live on in our memories.

Deanna Barhorst - December 28, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ Art was, and still is, a wonderful man of God who faithfully served His Lord on earth. He truly cared about others. I remember the time he took me with him salmon fishing off Washington Island in Wisconsin where we met up with George Lahr. We had some great man to man conversations in the car. He carefully watched over the construction of the new church building in Little Falls back in 1989, and as I recall he installed the central vacuuming system which we thought it was a really good thing to have. Marvis, we are keeping you and all your wonderful family in prayer. "The memory of the just is blessed..."-Pr. 10:7a. We love you all! Jarry and Margie Cole

**Jarry Cole** - December 28, 2020 at 12:08 PM