



## Manley "Manny" Hegle

May 18, 1930 - November 05, 2020

Manley "Manny" Earle Hegle, 90, Gwinner ND, passed away Thursday, November 5, 2020 at Gwinner, ND.

Manny was born May 18, 1930 in Lisbon, ND. He was born to Hazel (Holmgren) and Earle Hegle and grew up in Gwinner. He attended school at Gwinner Public School, and graduated from Gwinner High School in 1948. Manny was proud to be the Salutatorian of his graduating class. Manny graduated from North Dakota State School of Science in 1951 with a Trade School Diploma/Two-Year Printing Trade.

Manny worked the majority of his career in the bulk oil/fuel industry. He was a bulk dealer with Standard Oil, Champlin Oil, and Phillips 66. He was a proud owner and partner with his friend Donald Colburn in the Gwinner Oil Company. Manny retired from Gwinner Oil Company in 1994.

Manny lived his entire life in Gwinner, North Dakota. One could never ask for a better ambassador for their community. His pride for Gwinner was evident in all the organizations he was a member of or supported. He was an active member of the Gwinner Civic Club, park board, fire department, Gwinner Business Association, cemetery board, and church men's group. Manny was a confirmed member of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church and was an active member of GA his whole life. You could always count on seeing Manny serve Lutefisk at the annual church dinner or wiping tables at the Gwinner pancake breakfast. Manny was involved in many projects in Gwinner to make the community better. He was passionate about making Gwinner a better place to attract young families to the town. If ever an organization had a need, Manny would be the first person to offer help or say "what do you need"? His community recognized Manny with numerous awards for his service. He was named Gwinner's Citizen of the Year in 1982, Exceptional Community Service in 1990, Gwinner Alumni of the Year in 2010, and recognition for 40 years on the Gwinner Fire Department. In 2017, Gwinner honored Manny by naming the main city park "Hegle Park".

Manny was a friend to everyone he met and he loved to meet people everywhere he went. He might have sealed the deal by giving his new friend a Bobcat keychain or some other commemorative Gwinner item. Every year he gave poinsettias to special people and widows in the community for Christmas. He will always be a major icon in the Gwinner community and his presence will remain in our hearts forever.

Manny is survived by his sister and brother in law, Patricia (Hillestad) & Henry Wichmann Jr, Cranford, NJ; nephews Jon Wichmann, Pittsburg, PA, Eric Wichmann, Singapore and Dan (Joey) Hegle, Milnor, ND; great nephews Jake Hegle, Milnor, Josh (Jody) Hegle, West Fargo, ND and great niece Jessica (Nick) Lee, Milnor, ND and great great nieces and nephew and many cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents Earle Hegle and Hazel (Holmgren) Hegle Hillestad, step-father Adolph Hillestad, a brother Dale Hegle and sister in law Betty Ann (Tennefos) Hegle Slaby.

A private family funeral will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church in Gwinner. Masks are required for the service. Manny's funeral will be live streamed for the public on his obituary page. Burial will be at the Gwinner Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life Prayer Vigil will be held Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hegle Park in Gwinner.