



Carl Gustave Gutknecht

November 14, 1928 - July 14, 2021

Carl Gustave Gutknecht, Avoca, Wisconsin, died at the Riverdale Health Care Center in Muscoda, Wisconsin on July 14, at the age of 92.

Carl was born on November 14, 1928, at the family farm in Buena Vista township in Richland County, the youngest of the five children of Emilie (Danz) and Oscar Gutknecht.

He graduated from Richland Center High School in 1946 and was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Farm and Industry Short Course.

Carl married Evelyn CeCelia Phillips on November 5, 1952, in Norwalk, Wisconsin, at the Evangelical United Brethren Church, where Carl's uncle, the Reverend Selo Gutknecht officiated. Carl and Evelyn farmed two years next to the Gutknecht family farm in Buena Vista before they purchased a farm near Avoca in 1955.

Carl was a dairy, cattle and sheep farmer for many years, though he primarily raised hogs and grew corn, soybeans, hay, wheat, oats, and sweet corn. He was awarded the Master Farmer Award in the 1970s. Carl's farm was always the tidiest, his machinery the cleanest and the sight of weeds in his field would send him outside to pull them.

Carl was an active member of the Avoca United Methodist Church for over 70 years, where he served on various committees. He was elected to serve on the Riverdale School Board, a post he held for many years in the 1970s and '80s. Carl was also a member of the Avoca-Pulaski Fire Board.

A loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Carl is survived by his wife of 68 years, Evelyn, and children: Gary (Mary) Gutknecht, Richland Center; Baxter (Suanne) Gutknecht, Spring Green; Stephanie (Charlie) DeLong, Clinton; Kathy Gutknecht, Avoca; Karen (Larry) Kachel, Whitewater. Carl was blessed with 11 grandchildren: Kira (Marty) Kennedy, Leah (Marty) Grosse, Shannon (Nick) Hagmann, Wesley (Brittany) Gutknecht, Bridget (Mark) Wozniak, Matt DeLong, Jordan (Emily) DeLong, Pete Koehler, Dan Koehler, Cally (Tylur) Lengfeld, and Jourden Kachel; he had 12 great-grandchildren.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Emilie Gutknecht, brothers Milton and Ora Gutknecht, a sister, Vera Grover and most recently, his sister Helen Ann Smith, who passed the day before Carl. Helen's funeral will be held on the same day as Carl's in the morning at the Brown Church in Bear Valley, WI.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, July 16, 2021, at 1:30 PM at the Avoca United Methodist Church in Avoca with visitation from 12:30 PM until the time of services. Burial will follow in the Avoca Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Avoca United Methodist Church. www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Avoca Cemetery

Village of Avoca, Iowa County
Village of Avoca 532-6831

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Avoca United Methodist Church
207 E. Wisconsin Street
Avoca, WI 53506

Funeral Service

JUL 16. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Our sympathies neighbors; God speed. Tom and Pat Jonas, New Richmond, WI for the Jonas family*

Tom and Pat Jonas - July 17, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *I can't write a short note about Carl. I always thought of him as my Wi. UNcle, even though he was my cousin. But as Dick Klinzing always says " Cousin is just an excuse to be a good friend". So true. Clarence Johnson*

Clarence Johnson - July 16, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carl Gustave Gutknecht.*



July 16, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl Gustave Gutknecht.*



July 15, 2021 at 07:38 PM

SE

“ *My condolences... to a great family*

Steve Ewing - July 15, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carl Gustave Gutknecht.*



July 15, 2021 at 04:06 PM

DW

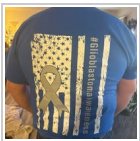
“ *Our family attended church and school with all the family. Carl always talked baseball with Daniel and I, especially Pete Rose. Carl was always a pleasure to talk with. Such a quality person and such an amazing family Carl and Evelyn raised. My condolences to the family.*

Dennis Wardell - July 15, 2021 at 02:31 PM

MK

“ *Gary--condolences from the Joseph R. Kaul family.*

Mari Kabat - July 15, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ *Such good memories of making hay on the farm with Carl! Always would make you stop and get a drink, there was no way to tell him no! It was great, he would come to town, pick us up, make hay, then a seven course meal made by Evelyn! And then to top it off, you got paid! Condolences to his family. Carl with farming, and Gary as my wrestling coach certainly paved a path to the man I am today.*

Matt Franklin - July 15, 2021 at 08:39 AM

SL

“ We never really knew Carl, but I know he will be missed by his entire family. Praying for God's comfort at this time. May you all be blessed with wonderful memories. Wayne and Sheila Luck.

Sheila and Wayne Luck - July 15, 2021 at 08:38 AM

CS

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Cherish the memories. He was a great man and will be missed.

Chris Storer - July 15, 2021 at 07:41 AM

RS

“ Carl was a great farmer and person he loved his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren you love kids in general loved watching High School sporting events High School wrestling being his number one favorite sport he will be greatly missed by many people may God bless Carl and his family and great friend RIP my friend

Rodney Schulze - July 15, 2021 at 02:51 AM

DZ

“ What can I say? I've had the pleasure to know Carl Gutknecht my entire life. He was a good friend and would always greet me with a smile and a chuckle and we'd always chat about recent happenings or a good auction. If anyone needed a helping hand, he was there. I'll miss him... My thoughts and prayers to Gary and the family....



Danny Zadrazil - July 15, 2021 at 01:06 AM

CM

“ Gary & Mary and family,
I am so very sorry to hear of this loss. My sympathies to you during
this difficult time.
Cindy McCarthy

Cindy McCarthy - July 14, 2021 at 10:35 PM

PS

“ Whenever I saw Carl he always had a smile ready. xoxo

Pamela Spies - July 14, 2021 at 10:22 PM

TC

“ Many fond memories visiting the Gutknecht farm years ago. I will
remember Carl as a Proud and Hard Working man .It was obvious
he had a deep love for his family and beautiful farm. My deepest
sympathy to Evelyn and the entire Gutknecht family. Praying for
Peace for all of you!

Tim Coyle - July 14, 2021 at 10:11 PM

KK

“ Kira Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Carl
Gustave Gutknecht



Kira Kennedy - July 14, 2021 at 10:08 PM