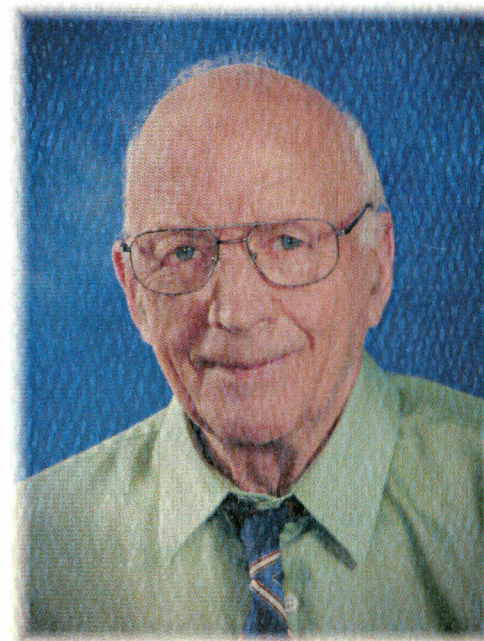


Joseph Junior Findlay was born on December 14, 1926 in Stella, Nebraska. He was the son of Joseph C. and Hazel Findlay. Joseph Junior was received into God's Kingdom of Grace through Holy Baptism and confirmed his faith at Trinity Lutheran Church in Johnson, MN. At the age of four, Junior, his parents and his brother Darrell moved to Graceville, MN. Joseph graduated from the eighth grade in Johnson, MN. In 1940 he and his family moved to rural Dumont, MN.

Joseph Junior married Shirley Peterson on May 20, 1951 at Our Redeemers Lutheran Church in Hancock, MN. From this union they had seven boys. They resided on a farm near Dumont, MN. In 1954 Joseph Junior bought a farm by Herman, MN. Joseph Junior made his living as a grain and livestock farmer. Joseph Junior was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Wheaton, MN. He also belonged to The Lutheran Laymen's League. Joseph enjoyed many trips with Shirley; their favorite vacation spot was Maui, Hawaii.

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***In Loving Memory of  
Joseph Findlay Jr.  
December 14, 1926 – April 24, 2016***

**CLOSE THE GATE**

*For this one farmer the worries are over, lie down and rest your head,  
Your time has been and struggles enough, put the tractor in the shed.  
Years were not easy, many downright hard, but your faith in God transcended,  
Put away your tools and sleep in peace. The fences have all been mended.  
You raised a fine family, worked the land well and always followed the Son,  
Hang up your shovel inside of the barn; your work here on earth is done.  
A faith few possess led your journey through life, often a jagged and stony way,  
The sun is setting, the cattle are all bedded, and here now is the end of your day.  
Your love of God's soil has passed on to your kin; the stories flow like fine wine,  
Wash off your work boots in the puddle left by blessed rain one final time.  
You always believed that the good Lord  
would provide and He always had somehow,  
Take off your gloves and put them down, no more sweat and worry for you now.  
Your labor is done, your home now is heaven; no more must you wait,  
Your legacy lives on, your love of the land, and we will close the gate.*





## Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright.  
 There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.  
 All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed.  
 I am now at peace forever, safely home in heaven at last.  
 Did you wonder I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?  
 Oh, but Jesus' love illumined every dark and fearful glade.  
 And He came Himself to meet me in the way so hard to tread;  
 And with Jesus' arm to lean on could I have one doubt or dread?  
 Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still.  
 Try to look beyond death's shadows; Pray to trust our Father's will.  
 There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand.  
 Do it now while life remaineth; you shall rest in Jesus' land.  
 When that work is all completed, he will gently call you home.  
 Oh, the rapture of that meeting; Oh, the joy to see you come.

### PALLBEARERS – Grandsons

Ross Findlay Rahn Findlay Nathan Findlay  
 Dylan Findlay Ben Findlay Matthew Findlay

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS – Granddaughters

Candice Hansen Stephanie Findlay  
 Kimberly Schroeder Rachel Robinson Roxanne Hagen  
 Tiffany Findlay Megan Findlay Jennifer Findlay  
 Amber Findlay Savannah Findlay

## In Loving Memory of Joseph Findlay Jr.

**BORN** – December 14, 1926 – Stella, Nebraska  
**PASSED AWAY** – April 24, 2016 – Milbank, South Dakota

### FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, April 29, 2016 11:00 a.m.  
 St. John Lutheran Church – Wheaton, Minnesota  
**OFFICIATING** – Rev. Michael Breach  
**ORGANIST** – Theresa Thiel

### SURVIVED BY

Sons: Keith (Kathy) Findlay of Mankato, MN; David (Ladonna) Findlay of Norcross, MN; Gary (Rhonda) Findlay of Herman, MN; Daniel (Bonnie) Findlay of Herman, MN; Roger (Karrie) Findlay of Clinton, MN; Paul (Cathy) Findlay of Coon Rapids, MN; sixteen grandchildren: Kimberly (Dusty) Schroeder of Holloway, MN; Dylan Findlay of Mankato, MN; Rachel Robinson of Hopkins, MN; Roxanne (Derek) Hagen of Alexandria, MN; Ross (Cally) Findlay of Herman, MN; Rahn (Stephanie) Findlay of Baxter, MN; Tiffany, Megan, Benjamin, Jennifer, Amber Findlay of Herman, MN; Matthew (Ashley) Findlay of Prior Lake, MN; Savannah Findlay of Herman, MN; Candice (James) Hansen of Hudson, WI; Nathan Findlay of Graceville, MN; and Stephanie Findlay of Clinton, MN; thirteen great-grandchildren: Devon, Dain, and Korah Schroeder of Holloway, MN; Emma Robinson and Trey Allen of Hopkins, MN; Amya and Ethan Hagen of Alexandria, MN; Madison and Mack Findlay of Herman, MN; Odin, Ike and Bo Findlay of Prior Lake, MN; and Jackson Hansen of Hudson, WI; his sisters: Marjorie (Jack) Smith of Pueblo, CO; Gloria Siefert of Waco, TX; and brother Lawrence (Hazel) Findlay of Beardsley, MN; sister-in-law Virginia Peterson of Morris, MN; and many cousin, nieces, and nephews.

### PRECEDED IN DEATH BY

Parents Joseph C. and Hazel Findlay; parents-in-law Theodore and Alma Peterson; wife Shirley Findlay; son Bryan Findlay; brother Darrell Findlay; brothers-in-law Verlin Peterson and Thomas Siefert; and sister-in-law Eleanor Findlay.

**INTERMENT** – Wildwood Cemetery - Wheaton, Minnesota