

NAGC

Welcenbach Welcome Wagon

2021

New members - Welcome to NAGC! A great organization for gladiolus enthusiasts.



In memory of Peter J Welcenbach (1921 – 2017) you are receiving a certificate for gladiolus bulbs to plant and enjoy.

Peter J Welcenbach grew gladiolus most of his life at his beautiful home “Calumet Hill Farm” located in Milwaukee Wisconsin. His wife MaeAthene introduced him to the flower on their wedding day. He planted glads until he was 94 years old.

He enjoyed planting glads using a “kneel upon”. Each one carefully planted with a hand hole maker while recording each variety in his “chart”.

When the flowers bloomed, Peter J would make “floral deliveries” He would bring flowers to church, the dentist, doctor’s appointments, neighbors and the bank to name just a few. His dining room table was always full of flowers. Peter really enjoyed making people happy with his beautiful flowers. The flowers he delivered made the world a better place.

Peter J entered many glad shows, including the Wisconsin State Fair, so the flowers could be enjoyed by all. Peter hybridized many new varieties including Of Singular Beauty, Calumet King, MaeAthene and Diane Therese.

His love for gladiolus poured out to those around him, impacting people in a positive way.

Happy planting!