



## Alfie Erickson

February 26, 1931 - September 9, 2006

Alfie Edor Erickson was born on February 26, 1931 to Edward & Velma (Cox) Erickson at their farm home in Wadena County. He passed away on Saturday evening at Tri-County Hospital at the age of 75. Alfie was given to the Lord in Holy Baptism on April 26, 1931. He graduated from Wadena High School in 1950. After high school he served 4 years in the U.S. Navy honorably discharged on April 2, 1954. He was united in marriage to Maxine Ruby Peterson on June 6, 1954 in Wadena. Alfie then attended and graduated from the North Dakota Agricultural College (NDSU) in 1958. Following graduation he took a job with Potlach Corp. in Cloquet where he worked until 1985. Alfie and Maxine then returned to the Wadena area where he started his own electrical business in 1987. Alfie was preceded in death by his parents; sisters June Johnson & Vergie Peters; brothers Stanley, Manley and Earl. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years Maxine; daughters Vickie Erickson of Wadena, Cindy (Walt) Slominski of Chapin, SC, Becky (Kent) Zakowitz of Cloquet, Debbie (Mark) Johnson of Grand Rapids & Tammy Erickson also of Grand Rapids; sons Steve (Debra) of Verndale, Randy (Ronna) of Kodiak, AK and Adrian (Teresa) of Wadena; grandchildren Camille (Craig), Morgan, Makenna, Travis (Casey), Douglas, Andrew, Kathryn, Brooke, Jack, Marcus (Emily), Bobbi Jo, Eric, Emily, Ian, Brenna, Samuel, Sophia & Japheth; brother Noel of Wadena; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Alfie was a wonderful husband, father and friend. He loved his Lord God, and is now home with Him. He will be missed by all. Funeral services will be held on

Thursday, Sept. 14th at 11:00 AM in the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Verndale with Rev. Stephen Papillon officiating. Burial will take place in the Leaf River Cemetery of rural Wadena. Honorary pallbearers will be all of his relatives and friends. Active pallbearers will be Ron Johnson, Brian Erickson, Dale Erickson, Gerald Cox, James Bounds & Daniel Wagner.

# Tribute Wall

SE

“ *Dad, I miss you! Have fun in heaven!*

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**Steven Erickson** - September 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *What a sad lose for so many. He will be dearly missed. I don't know many people such as Alfie who worked so hard and quietly. He was our electrician and was so patient and calm. God bless your family. Now you will be their guardian angel.*

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**Terry and Kathie Davis** - September 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *We are very thankful to God that we knew Alfie. He was just a great Christian and now he is home at last. By God's grace we look forward to a great reunion some day. Maybe soon, whenever God says it's the right time.*  
*We are thankful too that Alfie and Maxine were able to come to our place for a couple days for a great time of visiting and sightseeing in April. And then we were able to have a short visit in August. We believe God had a hand in arranging those get-togethers.*

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**Leonard and Phyllis Thompson** - September 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Dear Maxine and Family-*

*I was so sorry to hear of Alfies passing.*

*When I was reading my devotions yesterday I couldn't help but think of you and want to share these words with you..*

*The Ultimate Triumph*

*"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain of wheat; but if it dies, it brings a good harvest."*

*John 12:24 Phillips*

*We do all that we can to live and not die. God, however, says we must die in order to live. When you sow a seed, it must die in the ground before it can grow. What we see as the ultimate tragedy, he sees as the ultimate triumph.*

*And when a Christian dies, it's not a time to despair, but a time to trust. Just as the seed is buried and the material wrapping decomposes, so our fleshly body will be buried and will decompose. But just as the buried seed sprouts new life, so our body will blossom into a new body..*

*The seed buried in the earth will blossom on heaven. Your soul and body will reunite, and you will be like Jesus.*

*Alfie was always a constant quiet rock.*

*He will be missed by many.*

*Hugs,*

*Deb Fitzsimmons*

*(aka- a Mell Girl)*

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**Deb Fitzsimmons** - September 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We were in Canada when we heard the news about Alfie .We will miss his smile every Sunday in church.He was one of the nicest person's we have ever met.Life around Bluegrass will never be quite the same.He will be missed. All our love at this time,Jim & Eunice

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**Jim & Eunice Mell** - September 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ This is my prayer for my dad as I think about his lovely attributes and his walk with the Lord.

*Dear God, There is no God like you, keeping covenant with your people; keeping covenant with my dad! O Finisher of our faith, complete now the salvation you have started; that you have arranged and secured in every part!*

*Wow my dad! Fill his days with surprises. Fill his inquisitive nature with Your thoughts. Prosper his peacefulness. Increase his fruitfulness. Double his joy. Bless his goodness. Multiply his lovingkindness. Answer his godly prayers in your perfect timing. Bring his children into their inheritance, and bless his house. And may his descendants be called by Your name, forever and ever, just like he wanted it!*

*Love, Cindy*

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**Cindy Erickson Slominski** - September 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I always enjoyed seeing "Another Alfie" at gathering.

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**Alphie Pearson** - September 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I miss his being here at all times, when he wasn't working away from home. Alfie was a steady, gentle man. We shared the love of the the Lord who has always sustained us. Neither of us cared for the fancy things of life, but thankful for God supplying all of our needs throughout life. We never needed things to make us happy. We enjoyed family and friends and above all Our Lord God, even before each other. God first. We thanked God for family and friends - each of you are golden links in our chain of friendships. Family or Friend.

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**Maxine R. Erickson** - September 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Our Lord is sooo amazingly Faithful!

*I remember having the pleasure of meeting Alfie and Maxine on Snowball evening. How welcoming they were to me. = ) The fruit of Maxine and Alfie's love for the Lord showed in their son, Randy as he had the upmost respect for his parents, me and the Lord.*

*I went to H.S. with Randy and you couldn't of found a more faithful friend. He was obviously a result of such amazing heritage in the Lord.*

*I knew Alfie most from the wonderful things my Dad (Jesse Niemi) had to say about him. My Dad had worked with Alfie for a long time at Potlatch. He always had kind words and respect for Alfie.*

*My prayers are with your whole family.*

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**Connie (Niemi) Pettitt** - September 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM