



Allen Engebretson

June 3, 1931 - May 17, 2012

Allen Richard Engebretson was born on June 3, 1931 to Axel and Myrtle (Nelson) Engebretson in Mentor, MN. Allen served as a sergeant in the 5th Armored Division of the United States Army from July 1952 until his honorable discharge in July 1954, and received a United Nations Service medal, a Korean Service ribbon, a Bronze Service Star, and National Defense Service medal. Allen and Juanita Bilderback were united in marriage on November 25, 1952. They resided in Little Canada until moving to Wadena in 1996. He worked as a bricklayer and was the proud father of six children. He was a member of the Bricklayers Local #1, and Rice Street Sportsman's Club (49 Club). He filled his free time with fishing, cutting wood, vegetable gardening, snowmobiling, caring for his cats, going to garage sales, and fixing garage sale finds. He loved to visit with his family and friends. Allen passed away at the age of 80 years on May 17, 2012 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. He was preceded in death by his parents Axel and Myrtle; brothers Chester Kubic, Harvey Kubic, Vern Engebretson, and Burton Engebretson; sisters June Poirier, and Arlene Kubic-Nelson. He is survived by his wife Juanita of Wadena, children Deborah Urbanski of Wadena, Paula (Dale) VanBlaricom of Oakdale, Melissa (Jeff) Olson of Two Harbors, Mark Engebretson of Bay Port, MN, Monica Engebretson (Sid) of North Branch, and Dean (Shawna) Engebretson of Maui, HI; six grandchildren & 1 great-grandchild; brother Everett Engebretson of St. Paul; and sister Sandra Schleh of Jacobson. Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 25, 2012 at the

Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Wadena with Pastor Vaughn White presiding. Urnbearer was Steven Urbanski. Military honors were provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN. Inurnment was in the Wadena Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My Dearest Father,
I Love you Papa. I miss you so badly. It's only been a week but it seems so much longer. I was very honored to be with you in your last hours on earth. I would give anything to see you again, but I know we all will be together someday in Heaven.
Mom and the rest of our family all Love You amd Miss you SO Much. At times I am anguished by your death but I take comfort knowing that you are with our Lord and Savior safe in his arms, and that you will never feel the pain and sickness again.
You were the best Father anyone could ask for. You were also a wonderful provider, teacher, Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.
I will never forget everything you have done for me. You and Mom were there when I needed you most.
Love You Always, Sis xoxo*

Deb Urbanski - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I grew up with Allen and was a classmate of his at Mentor, MN. He was a fine fellow, and a person I was proud to call good friend and honored to know him. He came from poor circumstances and worked hard to make a life for himself. When I lived in St. Paul in the early 60's Allen came to a home I had recently purchased and spent a day doing brickwork repair for me. He would accept nothing for his help other than having lunch with my wife Marilyn and me. Alan and Juanita came to Bainbridge Island several years ago and visited us at home. Alan never changed and was always a kind, caring individual who quietly went through life as a respected and loved person. Let light perpetual shine upon you Allen until we meet again!

David Abbott

David L. Abbott - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Sorry to hear that Allen passed away, God bless you all.

Larry Keller - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Paula and Family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. Please let me know if I can do anything for you.

Love,
Toni

Toni Immerman (Saski) - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ *My dearest sweet Dad,*

You were such a wonderful Dad...a girl couldn't ask for anything more. You made a wonderful life for our family and I am truly thankful for that. You were such a fun loving Dad with all the fun things you did for us like the tree swings and the mini bikes and snowmobiles. My fondest memory growing up was when we all sat around the livingroom listening to you play your guitar and sang songs together. I Love you so much Dad and I am gonna miss your beautiful smile and sense of humor. You'll always and forever be in my heart. I love you! XOXOX

Paula VanBlaricom - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *I JUST HEARD ABOUT YOUR FATHER PASSING AWAY I AM SO SORRY ! PLEASE KNOW I AM THINKING OF ALL OF YOU. MY DEAR FRIEND MISSY, PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU NEED ANYTHING MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, BRENDA WINDELS*

brenda windels - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Missy,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of your loss.*

Cindy Anderson - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM