



Allen Erickson

September 16, 1945 - December 28, 2008

Allen Lowell Erickson was born on September 16, 1945 to Walmer and Myrtle (Berglin) Erickson in Alexandria, MN. He passed away on Sunday, December 28, 2008, at the age of 63, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. Allen served in the Army Reserve and United States National Guard from 1966 through 1974. Allen was united in marriage with Kathryn Jeanne (Hovet) Erickson on September 27, 1969 in Minneapolis. He will be remembered as a dedicated teacher, coach and athletic director at Sebeka High School for 34 years. He was a member of the American Legion, and Whitetail Run Golf Club. He enjoyed golfing, and was an avid sports fan. He especially enjoyed spending time at the cabin with his family. Al was a loving, caring, and giving man to his family, friends, and students. Allen was preceded in death by his parents Walmer and Myrtle. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy; sons, Mathias (Sara) of Brainerd, and Nathan (Sara) of Sebeka; daughters, Jennifer (Ryan) Lake of New Prague, and Jill (Chad) Bettin of Avon, 9 grandchildren; brother, Wayne Erickson of Alexandria; and sister, Gwen Schmidt of Lake Oswego, OR. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 2, 2009 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria with Pastor Dale Olson officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery in Alexandria. Honorary pallbearers were all the fine young men he had the privilege of coaching. Active pallbearers were Mathias Erickson, Nathan Erickson, Wayne Erickson, Ryan Lake, Chad Bettin, Larry Scott, Paul Harmeier.

Tribute Wall

DE

“ Wayne (Linnea)& Gwen

My heart is heavy to hear of Allen's passing. He was in my '63 class at JHS and I played basketball with him for the Cardinals. My memories of him go way back to my Uncle Wallie's farm near your place where we played as kids. Allen was always kind to me in high school and was a considerate classmate and team mate. Last July at our '63 JHS reunion, I quoted what he wrote in my Alexian during my preliminary remarks before the invocation. I haven't seen him since '63, but I enjoyed reading about his coaching success/career at Sebeka in the ECHO over these many years I have been in Washington state. Al and I were confirmed together at Calvary Lutheran Church and I will be thinking of him and praying for you this Friday while you are at that same church venue. I am so so sorry for your loss of this dear brother. 'May peace and mercy and love be multiplied to you.' Jude 2

*With prayer and care,
David Erickson, Pastor
Class of '63*

david erickson - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Dear Jill and family, I was so saddened to hear of your dad's passing. Your mom and dad always seemed so happy and caring and to want the best for their children. I hope that time and many happy memories have eased some of your sadness. - Lisa*

Lisa Clements - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I think of you often, Kathy, and send my love and prayers. Viewing the video tribute it became even more clear what a beautiful life you shared with Allen.
Your children and grandchildren reflect your love and joy. Carroll

Carroll Schumar Millikan - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ I am sorry to the family I couldn't be at the services. Al was more than a coach to me, he was a friend and a father figure. He taught me many things in life and knowing how much he cared about me not only as a football player or wrestler but as a person made me want to work harder. You will never be forgotten and you will always be loved. I miss you al

phillip kern - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ I was saddened to hear of Al's passing. He was a great teacher, coach and friend. I personally would not be the person i am today with out his mentoring and his continual drive he had for his students and atheletes.

Andy Eckman - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Alan was a true friend. I first met Alan as a young football player at Alexandria, Minnesota. I remember how well liked he was by everyone on the team....his great smile.....his confidence.....his desire to do his best everyday on the football field.

I know there are many teammates of his that are better off for having been impacted by Alan over the years.

Prayers to his family.....

Jim Ahlfors

Jim Ahlfors - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ *i am so sorry to hear of Mr. Ericksons passing. I am so very sorry for the loss you have all suffered. Mr. Erickson was a great teacher. He will be greatly missed. My thought are with your family at this difficult time.*

Kris Krejci (Lodahl) - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ **SORRY TO HEAR OF THE PASSING OF ALLEN. THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM WAS AT BROTHER STUART'S FUNERAL. SORRY WE MISSED THE FUNERAL AS WE ARE IN PALMS SPRINGS, CA FOR 3 MONTHS. SISTER MARY SAID IT WAS A VERY NICE FUNERAL. THINKING OF YOU KATHY AND YOUR FAMILY. KATHY WHEELER ALLENS COUSIN**

December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. He will be missed by all who knew him. Sharon*

Sharon Josephs Blalock - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Erickson family at this time. Al was a great man that I learned a lot from during my years in Sebeka. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with Al and his perspective on life and people...God bless!*

Paul Sparby - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *we send our sympathies in the loss of your brother, our thoughts are with you in these days and may you have peace.carol-jon mayer*

Jon Mayer - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Gwen: I was sorry to hear about the passing of your brother. I know how difficult it is to lose a sibling. Nine years ago my brother, Raymond Alm, died at age 60 of luekemia.*

I will remember your family in my prayers. Maybe we will meet at the next class reunion. I missed the last one.

Marilyn Renner (nee Alm) - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

B(

“ We were very sorry to hear of Allen's passing.

Our deepest sympathy is with all of you.

Bonnie & Bill Sharp

Bonnie Sharp (Erickson) - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Many wonderful memories and a lot of laughs had with you all. Al will be missed by many. Blessings to you all!*

Julie Gunderson - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Allen Erickson was special, a lifelong friend who was always there for me, the guy next door you could always lean on. We shared wonderful times together, from childhood through our high school days at Alexandria High, two memorable collegiate years together at Moorhead State, our military careers and later in life, the peaceful and rewarding days and nights at the lake. We shared several projects together, but it was always Al that did all the work, all the heavy lifting. But that was what he was all about, caring for others, lightening the load, making life easier. He knew the value of sorting out priorities, too. While coaching football and wrestling was important stuff, it could not come first. No, family, faith and friends were always at the top of his to-do list, a wonderful lesson for all of us. He was a gift from God to all of us, a common, decent, caring guy who enriched all our lives. We are all diminished with this loss, but we need to keep his memory alive. It was a life well lived and a blessing to all of us.*

Larry Scott - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Al may have left this world as we know it, however, in his leaving, there remains his legacy of love that will live forever in the lives of his wife, children and grandchildren.
How he will be missed but never, never forgotten.....
Our love goes out to all of Al's family.....

Carol & Jack - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ We were sorry to hear about Al's passing. We both enjoyed having him as a teacher and coach during our high school years. He was a great guy and made gym class fun! Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

Lonny & Londa Burgau - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Our Deepest Sympathy.
Your are in our prayers.

Lois Isola - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I am so sad to hear of Mr. Erickson's passing. I remember him as a very nice teacher and putting up with all us girls in gym. He was a great person and will be missed. My sympathy goes out to your family.

Betsy Larson(Eckman) - December 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM