



Charles "Ernie" Kallinen

January 15, 1930 - September 30, 2018

The funeral service for Charles Ernest "Ernie" Kallinen of Menahga, formerly of Wolf Lake, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 7 at the Laestadian Lutheran Church in Menahga, with Jon Bloomquist presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a devotion at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Ernie, age 88, passed away in the early hours of September 30, 2018 in Menahga surrounded by his loving family. He was a member of the Menahga Laestadian Lutheran Church. His faith was the central focus of his life.

Charles Ernest Kallinen was born to Charles Oscar and Saima Johanna (Pipping) Kallinen on January 15, 1930 in New York Mills, MN. He grew up on his parents' farm in Wolf Lake Township. Ernie entered the US Army on April 16, 1952 during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged as a Corporal on March 30, 1954 at Fort Riley, KS.

Ernie was united in marriage with Mildred Verna Darlene Hillukka on August 27, 1955 at the home of Mildred's parents in Wolf Lake Township. His hands and heart provided for his family as a farmer, carpenter, and long-distance truck driver for many years. Ernie was happiest when he could help others, with no expectation of recognition. He was quiet and caring with unconditional

love for family and friends. He loved spending time with his kids and grandkids, and even recently, would crawl on the floor to participate in their activities.

Preceding Ernie in death were his parents Charles Kallinen, Saima Kallinen Korpi, step-father Eino Korpi, sister and brother-in-law Elsie and Eldon Slead, and grandson-in-law Brandon Scherping.

Ernie is survived by his loving wife of 63 years Mildred of Menahga, children Linda (Edward) Retel of Elk River, Steven (Aila) of Buffalo, Diane (Elias) Aho of Big Lake, Brian (Joyce) of Menahga, Dean (Sharon) of Big Lake, Larry (Caroline) of Wolf Lake, Michael (Maija) of Wolf Lake, Eva Anderson (Joe) of Buffalo, and Brent (Melissa Roy) of Port Orchard, WA; 29 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren; siblings Ethel (Robert) Faller and Eino (Sylvia) Kallinen; former daughter-in-law Michelle Kallinen; and a host of friends and neighbors and brothers and sisters in faith.

Casket bearers will be his six sons, Steven, Brian, Dean, Larry, Michael and Brent.

Burial will be in the Menahga Cemetery, Menahga, MN.

Cemetery Details

Menahga Cemetery

5th St. SE
Menahga, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Laestadian Lutheran Church Of Menahga
25 Juniper Ave NW
Menahga, MN 56464
(218) 564-4064

Visitation

OCT 7. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Ernie" Kallinen



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - October 04, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles "Ernie" Kallinen.



October 04, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ Dana Carmichael and Andrea Parisian purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charles "Ernie" Kallinen.



Dana Carmichael and Andrea Parisian - October 04, 2018 at 04:55 PM

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“ *Passing of our dear neighbor daddy Ernie leaves a big void in the hearts of many, especially me and our children. He felt like a daddy to me - protecting me as one of his own little daughters. Because I robbed the cradle, my husband was almost 20 yrs younger than our neighbor daddy, Ernie. My Ern considered him the real daddy of the two families. I never worried about the safety of any hunter during the many hunting seasons our families shared. Neighbor Ernie daddy always made sure everyone knew every other hunters position and whereabouts and carefully figured out the hunters plan. He also made sure every young inexperienced hunter had a seasoned mature hunter with him - sometimes taking the youngest one with him. Many other memories remain with me. I remember butchering turkeys with my neighbor daddy. I also remember cutting up many a deer hind quarters and back straps with him so that when Millie came home there was one to two pressure cooker loads ready for processing. He also did quite a bit of remodeling at our place. Sometimes John Martin was his assistant, sometimes one of his own boys. I grieve his passing. He will be missed, but we rejoice in his victory of gaining eternal joy in heaven. God's Peace, Rauha*

Rauha Hillukka - October 04, 2018 at 01:36 PM



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“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Charles "Ernie" Kallinen.



October 02, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ *Eino and Sylvia Kallinen and kids* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Charles "Ernie" Kallinen.



Eino and Sylvia Kallinen and kids - October 02, 2018 at 11:48 AM

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“ Sincere sympathy to the Kallinen family - especially referring to brother Eino. I was employed years ago with him at Northern Pacific in Montana and also shared visits in Maplewood, MN. Please greet him from me - I would enjoy contact with him. (Please call the funeral home for my contact information.)

M H Timm - October 02, 2018 at 11:22 AM