



LaVern Erkenbrack

December 4, 1938 - August 10, 2021

The funeral service for LaVern Erkenbrack of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 on Saturday, August 14, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Nate Loer presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Surrounded by his family and under the compassionate care of Knute Nelson Hospice, LaVern passed away at the age of 82, on August 10, 2021, at his home in rural Wadena, MN.

LaVern was born to Vernon and Elfa (Dickhoff) Erkenbrack on December 4, 1938, in Oak Valley Township, Otter Tail County, MN. He graduated with the Wadena High School Class of 1957.

LaVern served stateside in the US Army from November 1961, until his honorable discharge in 1963 at Ft. Hood, TX. LaVern was united in marriage with Karen Louise Reece on July 7, 1962, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena. He was employed as a CNC (Computerized Numerical Control) operator, and retired from Straight River in Park Rapids, MN. He filled his hours away from work with anything pertaining to his passion - farming, and found the hours spent with his family to be the most enjoyable time of his life.

Preceding LaVern in death were his parents, Vernon and Elfa; son, Dean; and

siblings, Donald and Gene Erkenbrack and Delphine Whaley.

LaVern is survived by his loving wife Karen of Wadena; children, Daniel (Melissa) Erkenbrack and Kimberly (Mark) Wynn, both of Wadena; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and siblings, Dorothy Bounds of Wadena, Ronald Erkenbrack of Bluffton and Marlys (John) Barker of Shakopee.

Honorary pallbearers will be LaVern's granddaughters and great-grandchildren. Active pallbearers will be Jacob Dettwiler, Jaden Erkenbrack, Steven Erkenbrack, Jason Reece, Cory Reece, Mike Nelson, Doug Nelson and Blaine Erkenbrack.

Military honors provided by MNAGHG.

Burial will be in Leaf River Cemetery, near Wadena, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
403 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of LaVern Erkenbrack



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 13, 2021 at 03:25 PM

PR

“ Karen, thoughts and prayers go out to you in the loss of LaVern. God's peace to you and your family.



Peggy Rosier - August 17, 2021 at 12:20 AM



“ He was a very very nice guy. I met him a few times, but I knew his wife as we work together at homecrest in Wadena. You'll be very well missed.

Scott Kern - August 15, 2021 at 10:52 PM

MS

“ Mary Swier lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erkenbrack



mary swier - August 14, 2021 at 12:23 PM

MM

“ Karen , so sorry to hear of the lost of your husband, LaVern. May he rest in peace.
May God be with you as you start a new chapter in your life.
Until you're together forever in time, thank God for the memories LaVern left behind.
Marge Mohs-Harrison

Marge Mohs-Harrison - August 13, 2021 at 04:33 PM

MM

“ Marge Mohs-Harrison lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erkenbrack



Marge Mohs-Harrison - August 13, 2021 at 04:27 PM

JH

“ Joe And Yvonne Horstmann lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erkenbrack



Joe and Yvonne Horstmann - August 13, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of LaVern Erkenbrack.



August 13, 2021 at 04:05 PM

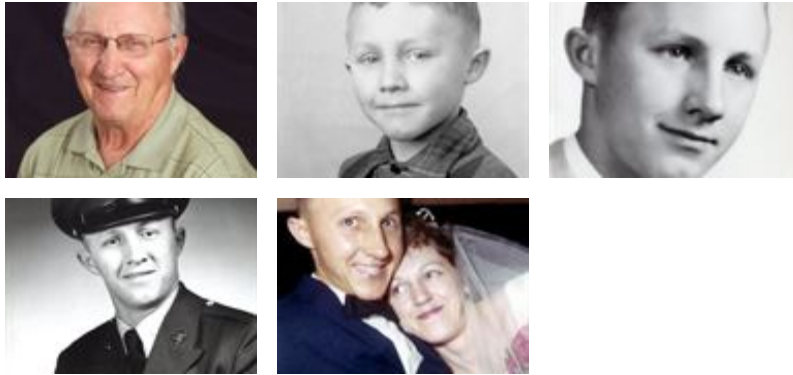
RJ

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you.
Sincere condolences, Ronald and Barbara Johnson*

Ronald Johnson - August 13, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *24 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - August 13, 2021 at 03:24 PM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erkenbrack*



Dan Kern - August 13, 2021 at 06:59 AM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erkenbrack*



Esther and Alan Freitag - August 12, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erkenbrack



Gladys Chase - August 12, 2021 at 04:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of LaVern Erkenbrack.



August 12, 2021 at 10:44 AM



“ Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erkenbrack



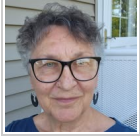
Jon Johnson - August 12, 2021 at 07:15 AM



“ Linda lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erkenbrack



Linda - August 11, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ Jane Erckenbrack purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of LaVern Erckenbrack.



Jane Erckenbrack - August 11, 2021 at 07:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LaVern Erckenbrack.



August 11, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ William Schorsch lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erckenbrack



William Schorsch - August 11, 2021 at 06:39 PM

CC

Our sympathy. We will miss him a lot. Gladys and Charlie

Charlie and Gladys Chase - August 11, 2021 at 09:29 PM

CM

“ *Lavern has always been a hard working man. But I remember as a teen, when I was out at the farm he would come in, and for a man of few words, he always had time to sit at the table to converse with Kim and her friends over summer ... even cracking a smile or two. He always had a kind word. My heart hurts for his family's loss.* ”



Charity Mertens - August 11, 2021 at 06:23 PM

PA

Deepest sympathy for the family of LaVern. I'm unable to attend in person but I will be praying. ❤️ Penny Autey

penny autey - August 11, 2021 at 07:41 PM

DE

“ *Dave & Harriet Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erckenbrack* ”



Dave & Harriet Erckenbrack - August 11, 2021 at 05:59 PM

BB

“ *Bruce And Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of LaVern Erckenbrack* ”



Bruce and Barb Brown - August 11, 2021 at 05:22 PM

ST

“ Sue Theisen sent a virtual gift in memory of
LaVern Erkenbrack



Sue Theisen - August 11, 2021 at 02:41 PM

RJ

“ I am so sorry to hear this, Karen. My sympathy to the whole family.

Rose Kern Johnson - August 11, 2021 at 01:48 PM