



Lenard Elgin

July 31, 1933 - January 2, 2015

The funeral of Lenard Elgin, age 81 of Bertha will be held at 2:00PM on Tuesday, January 6 2015, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha with Pastor Blake Rickbeil officiating. Friends may call on Tuesday from 12:30PM until the time of service. Lenard passed away suddenly on January 2, 2015 at the Clarissa Care Center where he had gone for therapy.

He was born on July 31, 1933, the first born son to Lloyd and Margaret Elgin in Geneseo, Illinois. He was baptized and confirmed at the Westside Congregational Church in Dixon, Illinois. The family lived in Illinois until he was a young teenager, they then moved to Johnson, Minnesota where they had 2 more children to complete the family with 8 children. Lenard graduated from the Morris Ag school in 1950. He married the love of his life; Arlene Raaum in May of 1953. He left to serve in the Army in 1954 for 2 years, then came home to start his family which started with 5 children and today has grown into 32 members! He worked in the cities at Graco for 18 years, then left the cities to try farming. Lenard found his passion in farming. He was a farmer at heart, and this for 30 years. When he could no longer farm, he went to J & R Mattress factory in Bertha, and worked until the company closed. Lenard was a devoted and loving husband and father, who loved spending time with family and visiting with friends. He was very proud of his family. He loved to hunt and fish when he took time away from farming. He was active in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where he served as an elder for several years

and taught both Sunday school and Release Time for 30 years.

Lenard is preceded in death by his parents Lloyd and Margaret; in-laws Herman and Hilma; brother Robert; sisters in law Cathy, Sandy, Hazel, Rosie and Ruthie; brothers-in-law Hilmer, Norris, Willy, Louie, George, and Bill; nephews David and Tracy; and grandson Ross.

He is survived by his loving wife Arlene; 6 siblings and their families; sons Lloyd (Jolayne), Brian (Sandra), Ron (Tammy), Leland (Jessie); daughter Melissa (Jim); 16 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and many friends and neighbors.

Honorary pallbearers are Jacob Hill, Blake Elgin, Gavin Elgin, Crystal Hill, Tessa Hill, Tabitha Herbranson, Jessica Elgin, Jodi Bohne, and Mariah Elgin. Serving as pallbearers are Neil, Jacob, Aaron, Jason, Taylor, and Dustin Elgin.

Military honors will be provided by William Larson Post 366, American Legion, Bertha MN.

Burial will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Bertha, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Bertha
203 1st Ave. SE
MN 56437

Service

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NR

“ *Nancy & Harry Rach lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin*



Nancy & Harry Rach - January 07, 2015 at 08:27 PM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin*



Bob and Kathy Derby - January 06, 2015 at 08:15 PM

KK

“ *Kayla Kropp lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin*



Kayla Kropp - January 05, 2015 at 10:25 PM

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“ *I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Lenard. May your family find comfort in one another and with friends at this time of sorrow.*

Kayla Kropp - January 05, 2015 at 10:24 PM

SP

“ Sarah Packard lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



sarah packard - January 05, 2015 at 04:06 PM

DS

“ Dar And Carolyn Skillings lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



Dar and Carolyn Skillings - January 05, 2015 at 02:32 PM

CN

“ Carla Nelson lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



Carla Nelson - January 05, 2015 at 02:24 PM

DD

“ Deb Dague lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



Deb Dague - January 05, 2015 at 10:35 AM

BB

“ Bruce / Barb Brown lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



Bruce / Barb Brown - January 04, 2015 at 11:38 AM

RA

“ Rita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



Rita Anderson - January 04, 2015 at 08:21 AM

JI

“ Jojo And Joshua Iwen lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



jojo and joshua iwen - January 03, 2015 at 10:14 PM

TO

“ Tiffany Orsello lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



Tiffany Orsello - January 03, 2015 at 10:05 PM

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MS

“ Marvin & Kim Stokes lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



Marvin & Kim Stokes - January 03, 2015 at 07:23 PM

LB

“ Loren & Kathy Buchholz lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



Loren & Kathy Buchholz - January 03, 2015 at 05:12 PM

LS

“ Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Lenard Elgin



Lea Snyder - January 03, 2015 at 04:12 PM