



Max Klemek Jr.

December 14, 1930 - June 27, 2025

The Memorial Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Max Klemek, Jr. of Clarissa will be held at 11:00a.m. on Saturday, July 12, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Clarissa, with Fr. Joe Herzing presiding. Family and friends may gather at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Max, 94, passed away with family at his side on June 27, 2025, under the gentle care of Horizon Hospice of Douglas County and the staff at the St. Williams Living Center in Parkers Prairie, MN.

Max was born to Max Sr. and Minnie (Thoennes) Klemek on December 14, 1930, at Parkers Prairie, MN. He grew up around the Parkers Prairie, Urbank and Henning area. He attended country school through 8th grade, then went to work on the family farm until about age 18 . He then left home to help with farming for the Edmund Holecek family.

He entered the US Army in February of 1952 and was shipped off to fight in the Korean War until November of 1953. He was a decorated Sargeant upon active discharge, serving in the Army reserves until April 1960. After his discharge, he worked as a machinist at Washington Scientific Industries in Long Lake, MN, for 17 plus years. He and his brother, Alton, invented a machine called a Multiple Boring and spindle drill, which is currently used in

the industry today.

On March 5, 1966, Max married Mary Hennagir at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Henning, MN. They lived in Medina before moving to Bertha and farmed from 1970 until retiring in 2003. After retirement, they moved to their home in Clarissa, where they enjoyed the company of their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Max loved deer hunting with his extended family in many locations, ice fishing and all the stories those experiences made (including celebratory brandy shots for those who got a deer). He enjoyed having coffee every morning with his friends at the local cafes, where they solved all the problems of the world. He was a proud member of the NRA his entire adult life.

Preceding Max in death were his wife, Mary (2015); parents, Max and Minnie Klemek; son Barry Klemek; siblings: Mammie Doll, Lucy Johnson, Irene Klemek, Ervin Klemek, Ellsworth Klemek, Alton Klemek, Anthony Klemek; and parents-in-law, Chet and Ruthie Hennagir.

Remembering Max will be his son, Larry (Marilyn) of Bertha, daughter, Karen (Paul) Walgren of Clarissa MN, and daughter-in-law, Robin Klemek of Deer Creek; 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and brother, Lawrence Klemek of Eagle Bend.

Honorary pallbearers are his grandchildren: Matthew Klemek, Megan Dolezal, Michael Klemek, Brandon Klemek, Christopher Klemek and Jacob Walgren.

Interment of both Max and Mary will be at the St. Edwards Catholic Cemetery in Henning.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Clarissa
105 John Street S
Clarissa, MN 56440

Mass

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Clarissa
105 John Street S
Clarissa, MN 56440

Burial

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Edward Catholic Cemetery
101 Douglas Avenue
Henning, MN 56551

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Max Klemek Jr.



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 03, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ Rest in Peace my Uncle Max. My fondest memory of you is when I was 12, and you drove me and Mom all over the cities, looking for the doctor's office we needed. Last time I saw you was at my sister's (Virginia) funeral 18 yrs ago,

Veronica (Doll) Trac - July 16, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ Gary and Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Max Klemek



Gary and Marcy Collins - July 12, 2025 at 09:00 AM

BK

“ *My condolences to everyone who knew my Uncle Max, and especially to Karen and Larry and their families.*

I've many fond memories of the early days on the farm when both Max and my dad Lawrence, brothers, bought their respective dairy farms and moved from the metro area; my parents first, followed by Max and Mary.

We kids became farm kids, and we'll all be forever thankful for growing up on farms that our moms and dads made possible. There were many times that we shared between our families the workload, us helping with haying at Max's and vice versa, along with other times of need.

Wonderful times, wonderful memories.

Blane A. Klemek - July 11, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Max Klemek Jr..*



July 10, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Max Klemek Jr..*

July 10, 2025 at 12:14 PM

AF

“ Amanda Hemmesch and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Max Klemek Jr..



Amanda Hemmesch and family - July 08, 2025 at 08:33 PM

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Amanda Hemmesch and family - July 08, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Max Klemek Jr..



July 08, 2025 at 04:52 PM

JH

“ Jen Hoffmann purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Max Klemek Jr..



Jen Hoffmann - July 08, 2025 at 08:58 AM

SM

“ Scott & Diana Morton purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Max Klemek Jr..



Scott & Diana Morton - July 08, 2025 at 08:22 AM

ZS

“ Zip & Nancy Stepaniak lit a candle in memory of Max Klemek



Zip & Nancy Stepaniak - July 07, 2025 at 11:39 AM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - July 03, 2025 at 03:22 PM

CH

“ Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Christie L Hennagir - July 03, 2025 at 12:50 AM

CD

“ Chris & Maria Dolezal purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Max Klemek Jr..



Chris & Maria Dolezal - July 01, 2025 at 10:05 PM

VL

“ To my godfather Max. You lived a long life. I have a lot of memories. You will be missed. My thoughts and prayers to the families.

Vicky Lindeman - July 01, 2025 at 08:24 PM

PB

“ Pat Bruun lit a candle in memory of Max Klemek



Pat Bruun - July 01, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Max Klemek Jr..*



June 30, 2025 at 12:58 PM



“ *I want to offer my sympathies to the family for the loss of Max. Thank you for the opportunities to meet and work with the family during the changes in health with Max's journey. Kelly Hansen, RN Hospice of Douglas County.*

Kelly Hansen - June 30, 2025 at 12:02 PM



“ *The Messer, Tasto, and Spear Families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Max Klemek Jr..*



The Messer, Tasto, and Spear Families - June 30, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ *Prayers for all family. RIP Max!*

Kim Anderson - June 30, 2025 at 09:27 AM

NB

“ Neal & Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Max Klemek



Neal & Leona Bowman - June 29, 2025 at 02:33 PM

KT

“ Karen Treangen lit a candle in memory of Max Klemek



Karen Treangen - June 29, 2025 at 09:55 AM

GK

“ Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Max Klemek



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - June 29, 2025 at 07:28 AM

BA

“ Barb & Mark Allen lit a candle in memory of Max Klemek



Barb & Mark Allen - June 28, 2025 at 07:10 PM