



Ray Erickson

December 29, 1926 - September 10, 2015

The funeral service for Ray I. Erickson of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, at the Zion Free Lutheran Church in Wadena, with Pastor Curtis Emerson presiding. Visitation will be held on Monday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Ray passed away unexpectedly, on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, MN. He was 88 years old.

Ray Ivan Erickson was born on December 29, 1926 to Albert and Laura (Thorsen) Erickson in Wadena County. Ray graduated with a diploma from the 8th grade on June 18, 1941 in Wadena. Six years later he married the love of his life, Iris Grewe, on September 28, 1947 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wadena. The couple were dairy farmers and had a farm Northwest of Wadena, until 1998 when they retired and moved into Wadena. Ray enjoyed farming and hunting, but God's word was always very important to him. He also got a good chuckle out of the Reader's Digest jokes.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Laura Erickson; brother, Eugene Erickson and grandson, Nicholas Erickson.

He is survived by his loving wife, Iris of Wadena; children, Judy (Dean) of

Wadena; Steve (Peggy) of Blue Grass; Linda LeMans of Wadena; Vicky (Rick) Schmitz of Wadena; Sandra (Robert) Skarka of Wadena; and Allen (Karin) Erickson of New York Mills; along with 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

His grandsons will be serving as pallbearers, Jared Pickar, Jason Erickson, Chris Erickson, Ryan Skarka, Caleb Seals, Levi Willis and Ivan Crocker.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

SEP **15.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Free Lutheran Church
602 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

SEP **15.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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602 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Ray Erickson*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - September 14, 2015 at 03:27 PM

JU

“ *JOHN USELMAN lit a candle in memory of Ray Erickson*



JOHN USELMAN - September 16, 2015 at 08:19 PM

LM

“ *Lee Meyers lit a candle in memory of Ray Erickson*



Lee Meyers - September 16, 2015 at 12:27 PM

MM

“ *Maria & Jeff Marthaler lit a candle in memory of Ray Erickson*



Maria & Jeff Marthaler - September 16, 2015 at 09:11 AM

MC

“ *Marcy Collins lit a candle in memory of Ray Erickson*



Marcy Collins - September 15, 2015 at 11:41 AM

SH

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Ray, I deeply enjoyed him while I worked at the Care Center. I loved to see his family on the weekends and talk farming with all of you. Hugs and prayers to you. Samantha Horn, LPN*

Samantha Horn - September 15, 2015 at 09:43 AM

NL

“ *Neal And Leona lit a candle in memory of Ray Erickson*



Neal and Leona - September 13, 2015 at 08:43 PM

NL

Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Neal and Leona - September 13, 2015 at 08:44 PM

JT

Sorry about the loss of your grandpa. They are very special.

Judy Shultz.x co-worker with There - September 15, 2015 at 09:52 AM