



## Raymond Hillukka

July 18, 1933 - June 5, 2018

The funeral service for Raymond Hillukka of Menahga, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, at the Laestadian Lutheran Church of Menahga, 25 Juniper Ave. NW, Menahga, MN. with Pastor Jon Bloomquist officiating.

Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m., with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. with Ron Honga officiating. Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Raymond Harvey Hillukka passed away at Green Pine Acres Nursing Home in Menahga, MN, in the early morning hours of June 5, 2018, at the age of 84 years 10 months and 19 days, with family surrounded.

Ray was born in Wolf Lake, MN on July 18, 1933 to Walter and Lyllie (Hendrickson) Hillukka as the fifth of seven children. He attended the Wolf Lake School through the 8th grade. He served in the United States Army February 20, 1956-December 18, 1957 and was stationed in Germany. He then returned to the family homestead. Ray married Dorothy (Haverinen) on October 18, 1958; together they were blessed with 11 children, the first four of which were born while living on the homestead. In 1965, they moved to a farm just east of Wolf Lake, where the remaining seven children were born. Ray was left to raise the children on his own when Dorothy passed away in 1978.

On August 9, 1986, Ray was joined in marriage to Lorraine (Ylioja) Halonen. With this marriage he gained 5 step-children and many grandchildren. In 1997 Ray and Lorraine moved from the farm to their home in Menahga, MN. In

August of 2012, they moved to Brainerd, MN, returned to Menahga in May 2014. Due to declining health, Ray was admitted to Green Pine Acres Nursing Home in December 2014 where he was lovingly cared for by Lorraine and the nursing home staff up until his death.

Ray was always a farmer, doing either dairy or field farming or both until his retirement. During this time he also worked in the forest service and drove school bus. He enjoyed hunting and fishing his whole life. He always enjoyed spending time with his family and visiting friends. With his friendly personality, he became known to and will be missed by many. He was loved by all who knew him.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ruben, Arnold (& Francelia), Wesley (& Florence), and Kenneth; his first wife Dorothy (Haverinen) and infant son; and step-daughter Arlene Halonen.

Ray is survived by his wife Lorraine of 31 years; 11 children, Jeffrey, Menahga, MN, Kerry (Deanna) Menahga, MN, Karlo (Peggy) Menahga, MN, Kristin (Gregory Waldack) Big Lake, MN, Joni (Aimo Vaatainen) Elk River, MN, Janelle (Peter Jarvi) Menahga, MN, Rebecca (Brian Wikman) Menahga, MN, Darla (Eric Korpi) St. Michael, MN, Peter (Kathryn) Delano, MN, Gina (Daniel Haapala) Maple Grove, MN, and Kaisa (Kari "Sam" Wuollet) Menahga, MN; grandchildren raised by Ray and Lorraine, Stephen, Daniel, Jacquelyn, and Jared Halonen; 4 step-children, Nealen (Jean), Keith (Rebecca), Leslie (Kari), and Perry (Melanie). Ray is also lovingly remembered by 176 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Norma Hillukka, brother Norman (Charlotte); sister Mildred (Ernie Kallinen); nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Pallbearers are Jeffrey, Kerry, Karlo, and Peter Hillukka, Keith and Stephen Halonen.

Following the funeral service interment will be held at Balmi Cemetery in Wolf Lake, MN with Dan Parks officiating. A luncheon will be served following the funeral service at the church.

Military honors provided by Post 6206, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Menahga, MN, and MNAGHG.

# Cemetery Details

## **Balmi Cemetery - Wolf Lake**

Wolf Lake, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Hillukka



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - June 07, 2018 at 03:26 PM

BH

*Beautiful, lots of memories of Uncle Ray. Will surely miss him.*

Brenda Hillukka - June 07, 2018 at 08:28 PM

VJ

*Our deepest condolences to Lorraine and the whole family!! Warm loving memories are left of our visits with Ray..... GP, Ken & Verna*

Verna (Hendrickson) Jacobson - June 08, 2018 at 08:50 PM

SK

*Remembering you, Dear Lorraine, as we prepare to join in the funeral service of your Beloved Ray. May God grant you acceptance & peace & rejoice in the assurance that he has attained Heaven. With much love & warm memories that span decades....God's Peace, Mike & Sandra Keranen*

Sandra Keranen - June 09, 2018 at 11:04 AM

MA

“ Thank you for remembering my beloved buddy. One day I have hope of heaven and I will join my beloved buddy Raymond Harvey Hillukka

mark - December 20, 2024 at 04:10 PM

MA

“ *Dear Raymond Harvey Hillukka*



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**Mark** - June 29, 2018 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Hillukka.*



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June 08, 2018 at 05:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Hillukka.*

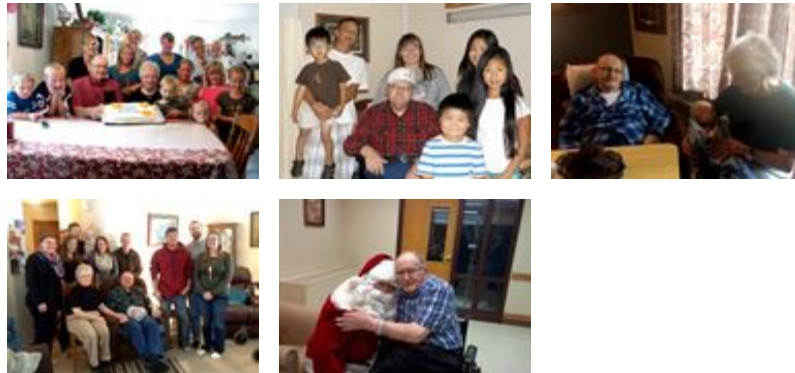


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June 08, 2018 at 10:50 AM



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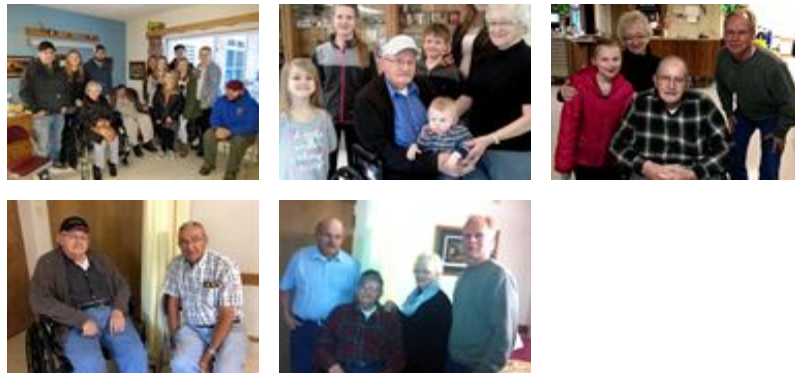
“ *Small Garden Dish* was purchased for the family of Raymond Hillukka.



June 07, 2018 at 02:26 PM



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“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Raymond Hillukka.*



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June 06, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond Hillukka.*



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June 06, 2018 at 06:33 PM



“ *Remembering the Hillukka Family in this time as they bury their father. May God comfort you - John and Karen Skoog*

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**John Skoog** - June 05, 2018 at 11:49 PM



*May God the giver of Peace and the giver of life carry your family during the next days ahead and always ! Love always Mark and Kiddo's !*

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**Mark Jarvi** - June 07, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Raymond Hillukka.*



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June 05, 2018 at 11:30 PM