



Allen Durtsche

June 11, 2013

Durtsche, Allen Walter Passed away on June 11, 2013 at age 94. Allen was born on May 29, 1919 In Harvey, ND to Walter and Josie Durtsche. He married Irene Brekke in Minot, ND on September 10, 1944. Allen began his 42-year career with the Soo Line Railroad as a locomotive fireman and retired as Director of Labor Relations. He was highly respected by all the employees and always known for his fairness and integrity. Allen was strong in his faith and a long time member of Nativity Lutheran Church. He lived out his Christian faith by extending love and kindness to all those with whom he came in contact. In his retirement years, he enjoyed woodworking and spending time at their cabin. At Nativity, he and others initiated a program to make wooden baptismal faith chests for newly baptized infants. Allen was also a Northeast Kiwanis member for 50 years, and an active participant in SOO-vivors and Silver Rails; both organizations for Soo Line retirees. Allen was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Barbara Kay, his sisters Viola Hovde and Shirley Swallow, and his brother Vernon Durtsche. Allen is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Irene; and their three sons; Dave (Sue) Durtsche, Tim (Sue) Durtsche, Dick (Asa) Durtsche; his brother, Sheldon (Phyllis) Durtsche; and cousin, Bud (Kay) BJORKE. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren, Karin (Colin) Tooze, Blake (Britta) Durtsche, Kerstin (Josh) Mabie, Danny Durtsche, Matt (Mindy) Durtsche, Kristina Durtsche, Anna (Trevor) Sprague, Barbie (Arne) Fahlen, Erik Durtsche; two great-grandchildren Peter Mabie and Sofia Durtsche; and cousins, nieces and

nephews. Allen's funeral will be on Monday, June 17 at 11 AM, with visitation starting at 10 AM at Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Road, Minneapolis, MN 55418. Memorials preferred to Nativity Lutheran Church. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Northeast Chapel 612-781-6828

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nativity Lutheran Church
3312 Silver Lake Road Northeast
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Philip Sularz lit a candle in memory of Allen Durtsche



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When I applied for a position as a brakeman in 1966, I interviewed with Allen. During my years as a brakeman, I had a chance to meet with him on several occasions. I always thought that he was a fair and honest man. My dad, who had a 35-year career as a carman and foreman on the Soo, always said good things about Allen as well. I will keep him in my prayers. He is with the Lord now making sure that we all remain on track! Phil Sularz

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