



Arden Junior Hovland

July 5, 1924 - July 14, 2024

Arden Junior Hovland, age 100, passed away peacefully at The Legacy of St. Anthony on Sunday, July 14, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Selmer and Eva Hovland, brother, Clair Hovland, and wife, Maxine Stuflick Hovland, and is survived by his three daughters, Sherril Jones (TJ), Susan Hovland, and Sandra Thiele (Randy), 5 grandchildren, Steven Moll (Andrea), Kim Spaeth (Travis), Brandon Thiele (Kimberly), Luke Thiele (Megan), Krista Pinewski (Thomas), 8 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and many other relatives and friends.

Arden was born on July 5, 1924, in Forest City, IA and lived on a farm until graduating from high school. He then enlisted in the Air Force and served in Italy during World War II as a gunnery sergeant and over-the-target photographer, documenting damage after 32 combat missions. Upon returning home, he "stole" Maxine from her fiancé, married her on August 28, 1946, and then attended Dunwoody College to study Carpentry. For 25 years he built high quality homes in the Columbia Heights vicinity that are now testimony to the highly skilled craftsman he was. Integrity, perfection and friendly customer service were his strongest traits. In his later years, he was an Anoka County Building Inspector and Columbia Heights City Council member.

Arden was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for over 70 years, a Knights of Columbus member, and a church usher. He was also a

longtime volunteer for Loaves and Fishes and Meals on Wheels and was a lifetime member of VFW Post #230. Arden's hobbies included traveling the U.S. with Maxine and vegetable gardening.

Above all, Arden was a gentle, kind man with a great sense of humor who deeply loved and cherished his wife and three daughters.

Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday, July 30 11 AM with a visitation 1 Hour before Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church 4030 Jackson Street NE, Columbia Heights

A light lunch will be served immediately following the service and all are encouraged to attend the procession and interment with military honors at Morningside Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Coon Rapids.

The family greatly appreciates the many expressions of sympathy and support during this journey. Memorials preferred to Ecumen Hospice Care, 3530 Lexington Ave No., Shoreview, MN 55126

Cemetery Details

Morningside Memorial Gardens

11800 University Avenue NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
4030 Jackson Street Northeast
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Mass of Christian Burial

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

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Jan owes her working career to Arden as her mentor and supervisor. I remember Maxine and Arden sent me a greeting card from their first trip to Hawaii. Denis and I spent gathering together with your loving and caring parents. Thank you Arden and family for my special memories!* ”

Jan and Denis Bertrand - July 24, 2024 at 04:48 PM