



Arnie John Entzel

October 16, 1937 - March 14, 2025

Sgt Arnie John Entzel

Born October 16, 1937, in Dunn Center, North Dakota, to Henry and Mathilda Entzel, the 3rd of 8 children. In 1946 the family moved to Mandan where they farmed and ranched on land along the Missouri River. Arnie was a handsome cowboy in his hat, boots and western wear as he herded and branded cattle and gentled horses to be ridden. Arnie attended a one room country school through the 8th grade. After high school graduation, he joined the military and became an army paratrooper with the 101st airborne division. He married Florence Schmidt and they were later divorced.

When his military service ended Arnie served as a police officer for the Mandan police department. In 1962 the family moved to Minneapolis where they raised their 5 children. Arnie drove a bus for Twin City Transit Lines and served on the union executive board. In 1975, he was elected and re-elected President of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1005 for the next 21 years. Arnie served on the Minneapolis Central Labor Union Council and was a Vice President of the Minnesota AFL-CIO. After 34 years, he retired.

In 1985, he married Janet Clark. In their retirement, Arnie and Janet enjoyed travel including many long-distance trips on their motorcycles. They also remained politically active. Arnie became active in the Golden Gloves amateur

boxing and volunteered as a judge, referee and coach. He was appointed by the governor to serve on the Minnesota State Boxing Commission.

Arnie was preceded in death by his parents, infant sister Evelyn; brother Alfred; sister Lorene; son Clint; daughter Margaret; and stepdaughter, Jenni. He is survived by wife Janet; sisters Marjean Hill (Ed); Fern Rothfuse; brothers Larry Entzel (Kathy); Don Entzel; daughters Cynthia Entzel; Tracy Entzel; Nicola Kapala (Steven); stepdaughter Amy Clark; 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and Janet's sister Nancy Schafer.

Arnie was a devoted husband and father. He will be greatly missed by all who were near and dear to him.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Zion Lutheran Church 1601 4th Ave So. Anoka Mn. 55303. Visitation one hour before 11:00 service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to N C Little Hospice, Edina, or charity of your choice preferred.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church (Anoka)
1601 4th Avenue South
Anoka, MN 55303

Celebration of Life

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RV

“ Janet, Mary and I are very sorry to hear that Arnie has passed away. He was a great guy and I have fond memories of good times with both of you. He was lucky to have found you. We just got back from Orange Beach, AL, (the red neck riviera) and missed the funeral. We're thinking of you at this difficult time.

Bob and Mary Vanasek

Robert Vanasek - April 08, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ Arnie was a mentally and physically powerful man who used his gifts to make the lives of others better.

Wes Skoglund - April 04, 2025 at 04:11 PM

LH

“ Dear Janet, Cynthia, Tracy, and Family,
It was our pleasure to care for Arnie at this important time.
With Sympathies,
Nurses and Staff at NC Little Hospice

Little Hospice - March 19, 2025 at 01:02 PM

TR

We are so so grateful for the love and care you gave to my dad. He's could not have been in better hands. Thank you so much 💜💜💜 love Tracy

Tracy - March 21, 2025 at 12:28 PM

MH

“ To Arnie's immediate family: Our most sincere sympathy, love and prayer. After many stressful months of keeping vigil, may you now find comfort, peace and rest knowing "our dear macho man" is at peace in the arms of our Lord and Savior. The void he has left in the family will never be filled, the heart aches and it feels so lonesome. I keep thinking the phone will ring and he will be calling. He was so ready for his final journey and like the brave soldier he always was he said his good-byes and marched down the path to eternity. May God's care and peace be with us all.
~ Marjean & Ed Hill

Marjean E. Hill - March 18, 2025 at 02:20 PM

MH

“ Marjean Hill lit a candle in memory of Arnie John Entzel



Marjean Hill - March 18, 2025 at 11:18 AM